

Ink Slings.
—The summer goose is usually found attired in duck clothes.
—China and Japan to war did go, and the Chinese pig tail is already one of woe.
—The idea of women voting! Why who would ever know when they come of age anyhow?
—The black plague is an awful scourge to China, but it takes the yellow Japanese to discount its mortality list.

—We would like to know exactly what kind of a faith a Democratic-Populistic fusion produces. In North Dakota, of course, it will cause Republican lost faith.

—There is nothing that acts with such bad effect upon the institutions of our government like the narrow mindedness of some of the people who think they are upholding it.

—The Pittsburg man who pawned his second wife's false teeth and then deserted her must have determined she should have no ground for "chawin'" about after he had gone.

—A Kentucky man acknowledged, the other day, that he had never kissed a woman in his life. If he told the truth he'll bet he can't screw up enough of a pucker to whistle his own dog to him.

—At last the announcement has been made that DON CAMERON will be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. Just whether this is intended as a move to fuse the Populists into the G. O. P. is not yet discernible.

—General JEFFRIES, leader of one of COXEY'S cohorts now marching on Washington, is a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, which simply goes to prove that College men can be fools as well as any others.

—"It is an ill wind that blows no body good" and should England, Germany and Russia become actively involved in the China-Japan imbroglio, American industries would receive a boom the like of which we have not known for years.

—"A fool and his money are soon parted" is a very apt expression as to the condition of Uncle SAM'S coffers at present. During years of Republican legislation millions were recklessly squandered so that now the financial question has become a serious one.

—It is strange, yet a fact, that the temperature, should have an effect on the divorce court. The hotter the weather the more applications for divorce are there filed. It seems that the sun engenders infelicity, and when the erstwhile lovers once get "hotted up" they must separate.

—The Williamsport Sun has it that QUAY is preparing to kill the tariff bill. Just what methods the redoubtable MAT. intends adopting the Sun does not state, but there is one thing certain. If by one fell stroke he could kill the WILSON bill he would not have to worry much for the future of his own party.

—Governor FLOWER, of New York, says he is not a candidate for re-election yet, for he wants "party unity to take precedence over personal considerations." He is a very considerate kind of a man, but we'll venture the assertion that he nevertheless deems himself just the pony for his party to button-hole.

—Editor DERN, of the Altoona Tribune, thinks there is "a widespread interest in the Tautonic speech among the people" of that city, because a book agent recently disposed of sixteen hundred copies of a new method of instruction in German there. Better by far that Altoona people learn German from a book than out of a beer mug.

—Telegraph wires are kept hot now-a-days with messages from every State in the union advising the Senators to come into line with their party on the WILSON bill. This is all very good, but since HANCOCK'S "After all the tariff is only a local question," has come to be looked upon as the trust expression of it, none of them seem to know where the line is.

—The women of Vineland, N. J. distinguished their first election under the new law that gives them the franchise by having a regular fistfight. It is said that they acted worse than men have ever been known to do in that place and the idea that the gentler sex would elevate the ballot has been exploded by the several knock downs they indulged in.

—The Democratic Senators who are trying to excuse themselves for betraying their party by blaming their perfidy on President CLEVELAND must have a very limited conception of public sentiment. The people admire the President for telling them in plain English what he thought of their conduct and the general impression is prevalent that he did not make his letter near strong enough to voice the opinion of everyone.

The Probable Effect.

If the tariff bill had been passed early this summer, going into operation about the first of June, there is no estimating the effect it would have had in promoting the success of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania in this year's election. Last November and February the Republicans rolled up immense majorities on false pretense. A business panic which had been brought on by their own bad legislation and administration, they cunningly represented to weak-headed voters as being the result of the Democratic intention to reduce the tariff. A more expeditious passage of the WILSON bill would have given tariff reform time enough before the election to have fully disapproved the Republican misrepresentation as to the cause of the business depression, with a possible majority against the McKINLEY party in this State next November as a punishment for its deception in this matter.

Some precious months that would have helped to vindicate the reform tariff measures of the Democratic party have been lost by delay in passing the bill, but there is every probability that August will see it safely through the ordeal of legislation—not as complete a measure of tariff reform as the Democrats wished to have, but a decided improvement on McKINLEY'S—and it will require but a few months of its operation previous to the election to dispel much of the tariff delusion that has produced the recent big majorities for the tariff party in Pennsylvania. The lie about the injurious consequences of Democratic tariff legislation will not have the same effect on the gullible class of voters next November that it had last year. It is safe to bet on that.

From this cause alone there will be a great shrinkage of the Republican majority. Voters cannot continue to be humbugged by disproved falsehoods. In addition to this the Democrats of Pennsylvania will have the advantage of better organization and a united party. They will be led by an exceptionally strong candidate, whose presence on the ticket has harmonized factional differences, and whose personal qualities and relations are a guarantee of strength beyond that of his party's support. This circumstance, in itself, is an assurance against the customary overwhelming Republican majority in Philadelphia, and an encouragement to the rural Democrats, who will have no reason to apprehend a Democratic breakdown in the city.

The situation is decidedly encouraging to the Democracy of Pennsylvania, and if their opponents are not beaten in the State at the next election they will at least suffer the humiliation of having their majority greatly reduced. But the object should be to beat them.

A Benefit to Nobody.

Even the manufacturers are beginning to lose faith in the benefit of protection. Among those who heretofore believed that their interest depended upon high tariffs, but who are discarding that delusion, ANDREW CARNEGIE is prominent. It is remembered that when the WILSON bill was formulated, Mr. CARNEGIE advised the manufacturers to accept it as amply sufficient to conserve their interests, and as a measure that would afford a more permanent settlement of the tariff question than could be expected from the McKINLEY policy. Mr. CARNEGIE continues to entertain this view, as is shown by an expression he authorized to be made in the London Engineering Review, to the effect that "he does not think the United States now requires protection which is of little use for revenue purposes, as manufactured imports have fallen so low."

When manufacturers begin to acknowledge that they can get along without high tariffs, and prove that they do not need defence against foreign importations by their ability to export their products to foreign countries, the Republican party will find it difficult to maintain the delusion that McKINLEYISM is a beneficial policy. The working people have discovered that it does not keep them, and now it is becoming apparent to the manufacturing employers that they also derive no advantage from it.

Quite Enough of It.

There having been quite enough pension legislation it is hard to see occasion for more demoralizing expenditure from that source. Most of the laws on that subject have originated from demagogic intention. That kind of legislation was found an effective way of securing a certain kind of voters, politics more than patriotism or gratitude for military service being the motive.

This fact should strike Senator VOORHEES, who has introduced a bill to provide for the payment of pensions to all veterans of the late war at a minimum rate of \$12 a month. His motives in this matter are liable to be construed as being of demagogic intent. As a Democratic leader he should not subject himself to such an imputation. There is no need for any more pension laws, unless such may be enacted hereafter, as shall be intended to correct the abuse of those we already have; and least of all should Democratic Senators or Representatives engage in extending a kind of legislation of which the country has had too much. The fraudulent raids on the treasury they give rise to, do not comport with Democratic principles, but conflict with the honest and economical traditions of the party.

If there were any deserving veterans for whom ample provisions had not already been made, a Democratic Congress would readily provide for them, but the worthy ones have been cared for by liberal pension laws. Superfluous legislation on this subject has offered an actual premium to fraud.

—If it were not that the handful of Democratic McKINLEY guerrillas in the Senate are backed by the entire body of Republican Senators, they would not be enabled to maintain a position that prevents the resumption of industrial activity; and yet the Republican newspapers are trying to make party capital out of the situation.

Worthily Rewarded.

In the great contest for tariff reform, which will mark an epoch in the fiscal history of the country, no Representative bore himself more bravely and honorably in the fight, or with greater fidelity to the principles of his party, than Congressman BRECKINRIDGE, of Arkansas. His intelligence and constancy greatly assisted in framing a reform tariff bill, and he remained at his post of duty at the expense of his personal interests at home, where, in consequence of his absence, he lost a re-nomination for Congress. While he stayed at Washington intent on carrying out the principles to which his party had been pledged, and which required the vigilant presence of every Democratic Representative who had duty more at heart than selfish interest, the congressional nomination of his district was given to another. This was not much to the credit of his Democratic constituents, but so it happened in the prevailing avidity for office, and under the circumstances no act of President CLEVELAND could have been more commendable than his appointment of Mr. BRECKINRIDGE to the Russian mission. CLEVELAND is the last man to allow a faithful Democrat to suffer for doing his duty, and the country applauds his recognition of Congressman BRECKINRIDGE'S fidelity and worthiness.

A New York paper speaks of the Republican party in that State as being in TOM PLATT'S grip-sack, while another says that it is deposited in PLATT'S trousers pocket. In either case the boss has such possession of it that he can use it as may best suit his purpose. It is remarkable what a proclivity the old party has for getting into such receptacles. In Pennsylvania it is in QUAY'S trousers pocket.

—The Democrats of Frederick county, in Maryland, have held an indignation meeting and asked Senator GORMAN to resign. So broad a hint to get out should be regarded by the Senator with a spirit of resignation.

—GORMAN has the Democratic tariff bill in a pinch, but he will find himself in a worse pinch when he comes to settle with the Maryland Democrats.

An Interesting Difficulty in the East.

The war that has broken out between Japan and China will furnish a new and interesting episode to modern history. Those two oriental nations have been traditional enemies for the last two thousand years and misunderstandings between them have often occurred, but this is the first time they will come in contact armed with the improved appliances of modern warfare and employing the methods of civilized belligerency.

Japan has for some years been pretty well up with European nations in military and naval advancement. China has been slower in this respect, yet she has been providing herself with improved warships and bringing a part of her army under the European system of discipline. It will be interesting to see how these two venerable nationalities, which have long resisted the innovations of western civilization, will handle their newly adopted appliances of warfare.

There is immense inherent strength in the Chinese Empire. Its population is unlimited. They are a patient, industrious, and sufficiently hardy race, capable of evolving great national power. The resources of this country, as yet but little developed, are immeasurable. Suppose that such a nation should enter upon a career of military development commensurate to its natural strength, would it not be a powerful and perhaps dangerous factor in the affairs of this mundane sphere? May not something of this kind grow out of her present belligerent effort?

—Both General SCHOFIELD and General HOWARD express themselves in favor of increasing the United States army. They think that a larger army is required to suppress lawless disturbances, but a more reliable remedy for such evils is the cultivation of a more law abiding disposition among the American people. With the people determined to uphold the law the assistance of an army is superfluous. A large regular military force is not desirable in a republic.

Sailing Into High Society.

The American people have taken a rather languid interest in the performance of the yacht Vigilant in English waters. The reason is because the boat is owned and sailed by a person with whom they have but little sympathy. It is believed that GEORGE GOULD, into whose possession the Vigilant has come, has taken her across the ocean with the object of sailing into the aristocratic society of Great Britain. There is a great difference between the Vigilant's spreading her sails for the maintenance of American nautical reputation, and her being sailed for the promotion of GOULD'S standing among the English nobility. The American people understand the difference and feel accordingly.

It is getting to be the ambition of American millionaires to edge into English aristocratic circles. Astor has expatriated himself in order to enjoy that honor. GOULD now tries it through the means of the Vigilant. By racing that hitherto invincible yacht with one owned by his Royal Highness, the Prince of WALES, and allowing her to be beaten by the Prince's boat, may have the effect of bringing the millionaire into the good graces of that exalted personage; but such a snobbish way of getting into the upper stratum of English society is not appreciated by the American people.

—The Democrats want to get spunky. In Centre county here we do not need a single Republican vote to elect our ticket. We have plenty of Democrats, if they all go out to the polls. We should think too much of ourselves to stand up and let Republicans taunt and jeer us without retaliating in some way. And the most effective way is to show them that the Democrats are still in the majority.

—Get the tariff bill out of the road by passing it, so that business may resume operation and the Democracy of Pennsylvania get themselves in shape to raze that big Republican majority.

Alas, It Is Too True.

From the Somerset Herald.
The insincerity and inconsistency of the Democratic "statesmen" is exhibited in a very marked manner by their votes on Senator Hill's motion to instruct the conferees to abandon the proposed duties on coal and iron ore and place them on the free list. Notwithstanding the party pledges and party mountings and in face of the President's denunciations of "party perfidy" and "party dishonor" but two lonesome Democrats—Hill and Irby—cast their votes for free coal and free iron ore. Nothing could more clearly demonstrate the utter lack of principle and shameless abandonment of party pledges made by the Democratic leaders.

Will Immigration be Restricted.

From the Williamsport Times.
The civil authorities of Fayette county have a task on their hands which they may not be able to perform. Ever since the coke strikes were inaugurated, the foreign elements have been growing more defiant of law and its execution each day. They are now armed and are resorting to all kinds of violence resulting in the destruction of property and life. The authorities are endeavoring to maintain order and preserve property, but so far have not been very successful. Unless some vantage ground is soon gained, the governor may be compelled to send troops there.

A Flimsy Excuse for Their Perfidy.

From the New York World.
Some of the Democratic Senators seem to entertain the fatuous notion that they can excuse themselves for defeating Democratic pledges in the matter of tariff reform by claiming that the President has "insulted" them. The President has given the Senate "a piece of his mind" in plain spoken fashion. Senators who feel themselves aggrieved can retort in kind if they wish. But their obligation to fulfill Democratic promises is to the people, and nothing the President can do can free them from that obligation or excuse them for shirking it.

Encouraging Signs.

From the Pittsburg Post.
The treasury balance for July is very encouraging. Heavy receipts from the internal revenues have been returned, and the near approach of the passage of the tariff bill has caused some increase in importations. When it is actually passed, there will be a trade revival, and the revenues will be yet further increased by removal from bond of immense quantities of dutiable goods.

The Lion's Tail Must Have Been Twisted.

From the Pittsburg Post.
The British are setting up the howl that the Japanese took an unfair advantage in using torpedoes on the Kow Shung and killing such a battalion. Does England remember her own treatment of the Sepoy mutineers? Tied them to the cannon's mouth. She is a beautiful land to feel a twinge of humanity.

We Want Fighters in Centre County This Fall.

From the Uniontown Genius of Liberty.
Some of our Republican friends appear to be chucking over Democratic fights. They should not forget that Democratic fights, as a rule, result in more Democrats. All Democrats need is to get into a fighting mood and the Republicans are licked.

Too Few of Us Know Them.

From the Williamsport News.
Those papers which are calling for compulsory arbitration had better devote a little time to studying the principles of government under which we live; they may discover some very obstinate obstructions to such a law as they demand.

They Sunk.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.
The Japanese mode of attacking Chinese transports reduces the situation to a case of sink or swim with the unhappy victims. A few hints like those thrown out to the Kow Shung will remove all suspicion that Japan is only joking in this emergency.

And the Sisters Are Fools for Helping, But They Do It.

From the Philadelphia Record.
States that have been powerful enough to secure admittance should be powerful enough to pull up their own weeds and thistles, without calling upon their elder sisters to lend a hand at the job.

He Forgot the Great American Chippie.

From Good News.
Teacher—"Mention some of the most familiar American birds."
Jersey Boy—"Sparrows, turkeys and mosquitoes."

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

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Williamsport's fine new City Hall was finally accepted Monday.

—There are now 400 inmates in the new insane asylum at Wernersville.

—All the fountains at Lebanon have been shut off to economize water.

—A Slav named Steve Kay was robbed of \$100 in a Pittsburg boarding house.

—The State Sunday School Convention will be held at Huntingdon on October 2.

—James Gray, wanted in Allegheny for bigamy, pawned his second wife's false teeth and fled.

—A. D. Holt has been appointed postmaster at Sawyer City, vice V. A. Weidrum, resigned.

—The sudden death of Miss Lizzie O'Neill, of Springfield, Chester county, crazed her mother.

—Rambo & Riggs' knitting mills, at Birdsboro, will turn out 12,000 socks for Federal soldiers.

—Disappointed in love, Daisy Fitzinger, of Drums, Luzerne County, swallowed laudanum and died.

—G. A. R. Post No. 5, of Honolulu, will be present in the coming Grand Army parade at Pittsburg.

—For trying to drown neighbors' cats, Thomas Murray was sent to the workhouse from Pittsburg.

—Charles O'Neill, a youthful swimmer, was drowned in the Lehigh's swift current at South Bethlehem.

—Ex-Congressman Rife has bought the Harrisburg Stone Works, which he will remove to Middletown.

—The interior of the old State Capitol at Harrisburg is being frescoed and otherwise greatly beautified.

—A hand crushed by a piece of falling rock in a Luzerne mine caused lockjaw that killed E. T. Havenstener.

—An ax fell, blade downward on Milton Kern's head, at Hummel, near Reading, but only gashed off the side scalp.

—The lighting of a natural gas well at Kane ignited and blew up a glycerine magazine. It shook all that region.

—Mayor Shanaman, of Reading, is expected to veto that city's purchase of \$18,000 worth of its own sewer bonds.

—Murderer James E. Isell, at Harrisburg, has little hope of clemency at the hands of the Supreme Court in October.

—There will be a great gathering of Pythian Knights at York on August 21 when their State Grand Lodge will meet.

—Theophilus Bey and Herman Schober were thrown from their overturned yacht and almost drowned at Williamsport.

—Rather than go to jail for neglect to push sewer improvements, all of Williamsport's arrested Councilmen gave bail.

—A boardwalk gave way at Susquehanna and dropped 150 persons 29 feet into a shallow creek. 35 of them were bruised.

—The body of a suicide, Minnie Clark, of Coolbaugh, daughter of a Justice of the Peace was found in Echo Lake, near Stroudsburg.

—John Hackett rode on horseback over young Harry Miller, at Newville, and broke Miller's collar bone and otherwise injured him.

—James Pitcher's wife dodged a revolver bullet, which she fired close to her head, at Towanda, on Saturday night. He was arrested.

—Brakeman John Swartz, of Scranton, slept with \$120 belonging to the Switchmen's Brotherhood under his pillow and woke up without it.

—Undergraduates from the University of Pennsylvania and from Lehigh took part in the formation of a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, at Pittsburg.

—Mrs. Ava Ho's, a Scranton wash woman, says she has fallen heir to the Scotch fortune of \$20,000 left by Peter Stratton, of Dundee, her uncle.

—South Fork and Carrollton coal operators have mandated the Pennsylvania to compel it to provide coal cars for them as it does for the Herwind-White company.

—Morrow, the desperate fellow whom New York detectives had such a hard time recapturing, denies in Scranton jail that he shot Constable Dough, as alleged.

—Aged Mrs. Minnie Shealenstahler, of Pittsburg, distrustful banks, hid her savings for years (nearly \$100) between feather beds, and was robbed of the entire hoard.

—A black snake over four feet long wriggled into Jones, Simpson & Co's. store, at Archbald, scared a woman customer silly, and was killed by a clerk with a hatchet.

—The Tobacco Growers' Society of Lancaster County, in their annual outdoor meeting, at Rocky Springs Park, reported that the crop was much better this year than last.

—Fred Jones, of Meadow Brook, was just in time to discover and foil a train-wrecker, who was plying a pig of iron in a frog on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, near Scranton.

—G. A. R. comrades will ask Governor Pattison to permit the Second Brigade of the National Guard to parade in Pittsburg during the Grand Army National Encampment, on September 12.

—Rev. William C. Schaeffer, Ph. D. of Huntingdon, a brother of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer, has been called to the pulpit of Zion Reformed Church, Chambersburg.

—The New York and Cleveland Coal Gas Company has procured an injunction at Pittsburg to prevent striking miners from interfering with others under contract who want to resume work.

—National officers of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics met at Pittsburg and elected Walter E. Orange, of Richmond, Va., to succeed Stephen Collins, of Pittsburg, as national organizer.

—Honorable discharges from the National Guard have been granted to Second Lieutenant Frank E. Patterson, First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, resigned July 21; and First Lieutenant Lawrence S. Smith, Assistant Surgeon, First Regiment; resigned June 6.