

Ink Slings.

--The venomous DANA pursued the President to the privacy of Gray Gables.

--The River and Harbor BILL has a good deal the appearance of a mammoth pork barrel.

--The thrashing which the Republicans and Populists received in Alabama has turned out a very fine Oates crop.

--This month will see the end of this session of Congress; but the end of this session will be the beginning of renewed business prosperity.

--The GOULDS are said to intend to make England their future home, GEORGE, by means of his yacht, having sailed into English aristocratic society.

--Twenty cents a gallon has been added to the whisky tax, but it is not likely to diminish the size of drinks, nor shorten the intervals between them.

--An anxious public is waiting for candidate HASTINGS to explain why a "sound money" party adopted a cheap silver inflation platform. This is the enigma of the campaign.

--The Chinese are said to have a cruiser whose name sounds something like Gin Shing. If that is its name, and it gets a shot at the Japs, it may lay them out, as is the usual effect of gin slings.

How many more decisions of the South Carolina supreme court will it take to settle the fact that TILLMAN'S liquor law is unconstitutional? The dispensaries keep running right on in spite of court and constitution.

--Collars and Cuffs MURPHY and Sweat Leather SMITH boldly avowed their allegiance to the Sugar Trust by their votes in the Senate last Saturday, but the saccharine Senator from Maryland resorted to a cowardly dodge.

--The amount appropriated at this session of Congress will foot up \$490,000,000. The expenses caused by recent bad Republican legislation, which have still to be met, require the continuance of a billion dollar Congress.

--MURPHY collared the supplemental sugar bill in the Senate and gave it a cuff with his resolution that will have the effect of serving the interest of the Trust until a future Democratic Congress shall wipe out the sugar tax entirely.

--Governor TILLMAN, of South Carolina, seriously predicts the ignominious defeat of the Democracy at the next general elections. Such talk would indicate that the Governor has been indulging too freely at one of his dispensaries.

--Notwithstanding the ill natured strictures of the Republican newspapers about Mr. CLEVELAND going away from Washington, a reform tariff bill signed by the President at Gray Gables would help the country just as much as if it were signed at the White House.

--It does not become the Republicans to speak of the slowness of the Democrats in passing a tariff bill. It took the Democrats but eight months to pass a better bill than the Republicans were able to get up in ten months, although the latter were assisted by all the trusts and half the millionaires in the country.

--Major SAM LOSH, the Republican leader of Schuylkill county, who was defeated for the Republican nomination for Congress by Greenbacker CHARLEY BRUMM, is backward about pulling off his coat in the interest of the nominee. Even if he should get his coat off it is doubtful whether he will roll up his shirt sleeves.

--The enemies of PULLMAN, who think that he should be punished, will have their enemy gratified by the announcement that his daughter is going to marry a prince, with all the trouble and humiliation in the future that such an alliance implies. But the misfortune of the daughter would be involved in the punishment of the father, which is to be regretted.

--They skin eels with a brass band in Lock Haven, or at least a brass band furnished the music at an eel skinning tournament in that place in which one contestant skinned three eels in twenty-three seconds, while a more expeditious rival took the hides off a like number of slippery victims in twenty seconds. For entertainments of an elevated character Lock Haven is away ahead, and this one afforded unbounded satisfaction to everybody but the eels.

--The Lock Haven Express, in moralizing mood, remarks: "Every life is a riddle on the infinite sea that rolls in ceaseless monotone between Time and Eternity." This sounds very well, but what is a "riddle?" We have heard, in slang parlance, of men making the "riddle," but it would be impossible to find such a thing as a "riddle" on the "infinite sea," or any other kind of sea. We wonder if our Lock Haven neighbor doesn't mean "ripple."

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A Test on the Sugar Question.

Action in the Senate last Saturday on the supplemental sugar bill brought out in glaring colors the allegiance of the Republican Senators to the sugar trust, and also compelled the half dozen Democratic sugar senators to make a further show of their hands.

The question came up whether the Senate should act on the bill sent from the Democratic House making sugar free. MANDERSON, Republican Senator from Nebraska, offered an amendment providing for the restoration of the McKinley bounty of \$15,000,000 a year to the sugar growers, this being intended to kill free sugar. This received the votes of a majority, but failed on account of the want of a quorum. Then the Democratic and Republican sugar senators had a consultation, the result of which was that Collars and Cuffs MURPHY offered a resolution "that no farther tariff legislation should be considered at this session." If this should be passed it would hang up the bill that proposed to put sugar on the free list, that being its direct purpose. It was passed, every Republican Senator and the Democratic agents of the sugar trust voting for it.

This vote has had at least one good effect. The Republicans have raised a tremendous clamor about the Democratic tariff bill favoring the sugar trust. Though they know the circumstances under which a handful of recreant and mercenary Democratic Senators forced the Democratic House to take their bill or none at all, thereby giving the trust a greater advantage than it should have had, but not as great as was furnished it by the McKinley bill, yet the Republican organs have been noisy in holding the Democratic party responsible for it.

But when it is demanded in the Senate by a supplemental bill from the Democratic House, that this defect in the tariff bill shall be remedied by putting sugar on the free list, every one of the Republican Senators is found voting in the interest of the trust. With such an exposition, will the g. o. p. organs continue their clamor about Democratic responsibility for the continuance of the differential duty? As they are shameless, and apparently brainless, they probably will continue it, but its only effect will be to excite the contempt of the people.

Democratic Indignation.

The Indiana Democrats, in the most numerous attended State Convention ever held in that State, last week gave expression to their sentiment regarding the handful of so-called Democrats in the Senate who sold themselves to the trusts. When that part of the resolutions was read which condemned in severe terms the United States Senators who stood in the way of tariff reform, it was greeted with approving applause, and when a member of the convention remarked that "the finger of scorn will follow them along the pathway of life," the remark received a thundering endorsement. The resolution on this subject declared that the Democracy of Indiana "especially condemn a small coterie of Senators who, masquerading as Democrats, by threats to defeat all tariff legislation have temporarily prevented the Democratic party from carrying out all of its pledges to the people for tariff reform as announced in the Democratic platform of 1892."

--LEWIS DEWART, of Sunbury, who has been nominated for Congress by the Democratic convention of Northumberland county, belongs to a congressional family, as his father, his grandfather on his father's side, his grandfather on his mother's side, and his step-grandfather, were all members of Congress. Unfortunately, however, for his present congressional ambition, his county has just had the Representative of the district in Hon. S. P. WOLVERTON, and is not likely to have that favor repeated right away.

--TOM REED says he cannot bring himself to believe that the President will sign the tariff bill. Reed's belief in this case very naturally takes the direction of his wish. Nothing would do better than to see the President, and the trusts, than that the President should veto the bill and let the McKinley tariff stand.

Hard Up for an Issue.

EX-collector COOPER shows his affection for and attachment to his old boss by bringing out in his Media paper DOX CAMERON for President of the United States. DOX has recently been squinting very strongly in the direction of free silver, and COOPER says that protection and free silver will be the winning cards in 1896.

Such talk as this indicates that the Republicans are getting confused as to the issues that will be available for them to make a fight on in the next presidential campaign. Heretofore they did not want anything better than high tariff protection as an issue upon which to base their campaign operations, but now they are looking for an auxiliary in the silver question. The leaders are becoming silverites, but CAMERON has been discredited in this movement by TOM REED, who has anticipated him by projecting a presidential boom composed of equal parts of high tariff and free silver.

By the time the next presidential election comes around the Republican presidential candidates will find protection entirely unavailable for campaign use. As MCKINLEY has no other issue on which he can plant himself he will disappear from the canvass. HARRISON will be nearly in as bad a plight. What REED and CAMERON will be able to make out of their coquetting with the silver issue is to be seen when the time comes for naming the Republican presidential candidate, but with the country flourishing under a Democratic tariff it is doubtful whether there will be enough left of the old discarded high tariff party to put a presidential ticket in the field.

--The attempted Republican rebellion in Chester county against CAMERON has turned out to be a signal failure. In the Legislative districts where the issue was raised, the CAMERON candidates were nominated, and the party has abjectly submitted to wearing the old regulation collar. The same submission exists pretty generally in the party throughout the State. As the Republican organization in Pennsylvania is constituted, it is impossible for it to emancipate itself from the two bosses who control and own it. In fact it has become so emasculated by its long subjection that it does not want to be released from its bondage. The overthrow of Cameronism and Quayism can be expected only from the Democrats.

A New Reform Party.

It is reported that a barbecue will shortly be held at Bradlock, to be attended by leading business men of Pittsburg and other parts of Western Pennsylvania, who will then and there arrange for the organization of "a party of reform." Parties that have amounted to anything in the way of reform have never been known to be organized at barbecues. Granting that there is much to be reformed in this country, a new reform party would have a wide field in which to operate.

It is said that both parties will engage in the movement that is to be inaugurated at Bradlock, but we can hardly believe it. It is true that Republicans have reason to attach themselves to some party that would give a better promise of reform than their own, but the Democrats have every reason to be satisfied with the reforms which their party is making. The Democratic party is the only party in the country that takes any interest in reform, and if the men who are going to hold their reform barbecue at Bradlock want their movement to amount to anything they had better join the Democratic procession.

--Free raw materials were the promise of the Democratic party. Because two materials, by reason of no fault of the party, were not put on the free list, a fuss is raised as if the Democratic promise had been greatly violated. But when the party can point to wool, lumber, salt, flax, hemp, jute, copper and cotton ties freed from the McKinley tax, it can be proud of the fulfillment of its pledge, and look confidently forward to the placing of coal and iron ore on the free list in the near future.

Its Effect on Wages.

Mr. JAMES POLLOCK, a prominent Republican of Philadelphia, and a strong advocate of protection, has written a letter to Mr. J. HAMPTON MOORE, another Republican and protectionist of the same city, giving him his impression of certain things he saw in Italy. By the way it may be remarked that Italy is a country that has an extraordinarily high tariff. A statement in Mr. POLLOCK'S letter shows how that tariff protects the Italian wage-earner. Writing from Venice, one of the industrial centres of Italy, he says:

We took occasion here to visit a large lace factory yesterday which interested the ladies of our party very much. To me it furnished an object lesson upon the industrial question, which at this time is the foremost question in my own country. I inquired of the manufacturer what he paid to the girls and young women that I saw employed in the place, and was surprised when he told me they received from eight to twelve cents per day of eight hours.

Mr. POLLOCK'S remark that the industrial question is the foremost question in his own country brings to mind that men of his economic persuasion insist that a high tariff is necessary to produce high wages, a fallacy which is disproved not only by the case of the highly protected Italian lace weavers, which he cites, but also by the experience of protected American workmen who have had their wages decreased under the MCKINLEY tariff.

They Have Changed Their Tune.

What has become of the calamity howl when within two weeks from the passage of the Democratic tariff bill the Republican Pittsburg Dispatch adorns the top of one of its columns with the following headlines: "Pay-rolls Booming--" "Indications that Hard Times have Ceased to Worry Pittsburgers"--"Gain of 30 per cent in Iron and Steel Mills"--"Lesser Works are Doing Well"--"Encouraging Reports from Bankers about Local Industries"--"Good Prospects for the Coal Trade."

We never had any doubt that business would begin to boom as soon as the tariff bill was passed. No one with common sense had a doubt about it; but we hardly expected to have from a Republican source such early testimony as to the beneficial effects of Democratic tariff legislation. Scarcely has the calamity howl died away before those who had raised it are forced to proclaim a revival of business. They declared that the mere suggestion of a Democratic tariff had ruined the country, and now testify to the fact that the actual passage of such a tariff has started the wheels of industry.

McKinley's Forlorn Cry.

Governor MCKINLEY is in an awkward situation. He hopes to be elected President by virtue and in consideration of the McKinley tariff and he finds his tariff succeeded by another which reverses the policy of his measure and will prove that it was fallacious in principle and injurious in effect. How are his presidential aspirations to be promoted by his having been the author of a discredited and discarded tariff law?

Under such circumstances it is no wonder that Governor MCKINLEY is worried. He wants to maintain the delusion that his tariff is necessary for the prosperity of the country and that a public injury has been inflicted by the Democrats reducing its excessive duties. He declares that "proper protection must be restored promptly to every industry that suffers from this legislation." This is a forlorn cry. MCKINLEY will never see the duties of his tariff restored. By the time the next presidential election shall have come around the country will have discovered that the MCKINLEY tariff had furnished improper protection, and its author will be lost sight of as a presidential candidate.

--The Press remarks that Mr. CLEVELAND'S whole time at Buzzard's Bay is given up to making that dish of crow as palatable as possible. Wouldn't it be nearer the correct thing if the Press were to say that Mr. CLEVELAND, in signing the tariff bill, will complete a most unpalatable dish for the Republicans? They would much prefer MCKINLEY'S diet, but the President is not likely to gratify their monopolistic appetite.

Fit Subject for the Income Tax.

From the Chicago Times. Less than one-eighth of the taxes in Illinois are paid by the gigantic corporations and railroad interests, the holdings of which exceed by many millions the total assessed valuation of the entire State. Hundreds of thousands of individual property owners throughout the State have for years been assessed at from one-third to one-half the actual value of their humble possessions, while the corporations are either entirely overlooked by the local assessors and State Board of equalization or succeed in having their colossal aggregations of wealth listed at one-tenth, or frequently one twentieth of its actual value.

Blaine Was Right.

From the Northampton Democrat. When the McKinley Tariff bill was under consideration James G. Blaine said that it would not open a foreign market for a single pound of American pork or a single bushel of American wheat. The farmer whose wheat commands no more than 60 cents a bushel, more than realizes Mr. Blaine's observation. Without a foreign market for American wheat it will not in the farmer's granaries. So long as the McKinley tariff is law, so long there will be no foreign demand for American wheat.

To Resume the Tariff Fight.

From the New York Herald. The fight over the sugar duty and over the other "popgun" bills will be resumed at the next session of Congress, and the opponents of the trust believe that there will be comparatively little difficulty in passing a bill striking out the 3 of a cent differential. There would have been little difficulty in doing it at this session if the Democratic Senators had been willing to enter into a deal with the Louisiana Senators by which the bounty would have been paid for this year.

They Like the Races.

From the Pittsburg Post. It shows a decided advance in the toleration of fiction that by a recent vote taken by the Presbyterian Sunday schools of the country to determine the "best 100 books for a Sunday school library" "Ben Hur" appears on 91 per cent of the lists, and leads all the rest. An if the test could be extended it would be found that the chapters of "Ben Hur" dearest to the Sunday school mind were those descriptive of the chariot races.

What the People Want.

From the Altoona Times. The fact that the new tariff will show its effects by stimulating the markets of the world is not to the discredit of the measure. What the people of the United States want is to get a larger share of the commerce of the universe than has been possible to them under an era of high protection. If the Wilson bill will be able to accomplish it, then it will be a proof that the adoption of that measure was a wise thing.

A Bogus Republic.

From the Pittsburg Post. It is all right the House congratulated the republic of Hawaii upon the assumption of the powers, duties and responsibilities of self-government, as indicated by the recent adoption of the republican form of government. But the Hawaiian plan is about as far away practically from a government of the people as that of his sublime mightiness, the czar of all the Russias.

A Chicago Decision.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. A Chicago jury has decided that a man who shot at his wife five times and only hit her twice is not guilty of murderous assault. According to this verdict any man in Chicago will only be able to make a murderous assault on his wife when he uses a Gatling gun or a Krupp cannon.

Just Like the "Press."

From the Williamsport Sun. The Philadelphia Press is already hedging. Its New York letter, which refers to the general improvement in business, is headed: "Better outlook not due to tariff." But every man of sense knows that it is the settlement of the tariff question that has caused the improvement.

An Absurd Charge.

From the Look Haven Democrat. To show the absurdity of the charges of the Republican press that the Gorman tariff bill is a free trade measure, it is necessary to state that western Republican congressmen opposed the measure for the reason that its rates were too highly protective!

Doesn't Believe It Is Settled.

From the Altoona Tribune. Most heartily do we wish it were true to say that the tariff question is settled for good. But it is not settled--there will hardly be a lull in the agitation--and it will not be settled until it is taken out of partisan politics.

The New Tariff Not Responsible.

From the Buffalo Courier. The truth of history demands the assertion that the Delaware peach crop was ruined before the passage of the new tariff bill.

Spawls from the Keystone.

--Thieves are harrassing Cambria county farmers.

--Another trolley line from Columbia to Lancaster is talked of.

--Berks County farmers are disposing of their flocks of sheep.

--The State Soldiers' Orphan School will reopen with 750 scholars.

--Israel Long, the father of eleven children at Kutztown, hanged himself.

--National Guardsmen will receive their encampment pay this week.

--Harrisburg officials will quarantine that city's smallpox infected district.

--The number of taxabils in Williamsport decreased 77 during the last year.

--An Elstedford is to be held in Mahanoy City, on Saturday, September 1.

--Driving into Codorus Creek, at York, Frank Briggeman never came alive.

--Nearly 500 Knights of Pythias of Pennsylvania will attend the Grand Lodge at York.

--A New Yorker, B. Golsmith, will build a \$20,000 tinplate mill in Allegheny county.

--Several hundred persons attended the Hartranft family reunion at Williamsport.

--A movement is on foot to establish an electric railway between Ebensburg and Johnstown.

--Pottsville will have a new water supply furnished by a company of local business men.

--In trying to jump on a Reading train at Mt. Holly, William Coover had both legs cut off.

--Of receipts of \$91,855.72 at the Lancaster Internal Revenue office, \$88,000 were for whisky tax.

--James Gibbons sat upon the railroad track near Wilkesbarre to rest and was killed by a train.

--His inability to supply his family with food induced Henry Murray, near Lebanon to hang himself.

--About 2500 survivors of the German army had a parade and reunion in Allegheny City Monday.

--The Pennsylvania Railroad is now organizing a patrol system to arrest riders, stealers on all its lines.

--A man, supposed to be Elias Chambers of Reading, hanged himself in a box car near Allegheny City.

--For striking his child with a shovel, Jacob Biekey, near Lebanon, was held in \$1000 bail for a hearing.

--The choral societies of Lebanon and Lancaster counties, about 300 voices, met this week, on Mt. Gettysburg.

--The Fourteenth Regiment buried its dead colonel, P. D. Perchment, at Pittsburg, with military honors.

--After one unsuccessful attempt at suicide B. K. Kramfield, of Scranton, drowned himself at Ithaca, N. Y.

--Joseph L. Biggart, an old resident of Latrobe and a veteran of the late war, died on Monday last, aged 75 years.

--Western Pennsylvania coal miners threaten to strike again unless the scale of wages agreed upon shall be paid.

--One Huntingdon county citizen is rather proud of a turkey hen that laid 100 eggs between April 1 and August 14.

--After a dispute with a relative, Mrs. Wistar Rhoads, of Douglassville, has dis. appeared, leaving four small children.

--Ginseng roots are being gathered about the sources of the West Branch of the Potomac, and sold at \$1 and \$5 per pound.

--Charged with stealing \$20 from Michael Walle, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin was sent to Pottsville jail and the cash was recovered.

--Miss Mary Burns, a sister of two combatants in a pay-day fight, at Raven Run, was fatally kicked by one of the drunken fighters.

--To protect his cows from the flies in summer, a Juniata county farmer keeps them snugly fitted out in coverings of white muslin.

--Another new town has been laid out along the Blacklick railroad, about seven miles from Ebensburg. The new city is called Glengrade.

--The death of his son so preyed upon the mind of Monday Faust, a railroad signal tower man at Pottsville, that he shot himself dead.

--Mrs. Letitia Adams, nearly all her life a resident of Centre and Clearfield counties, died in Harrisburg last Monday, aged nearly 92 years.

--D. Wagner has applied to the Department of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg for a patent for valuable land in Somerset county, surveyed 100 years ago.

--An \$8 survey, valued to \$300, was abandoned by W. H. Fenton, who fled from the First National Bank of McKeesport when his forgery was discovered.

--A gang of thieves have within a week stolen the communion services from St. Peter's, Beckers' and Centre Churches, all near Bowmanstown, Berks county.

--A Northumberland county blacksmith, Solomon Kreisher, of Snyderdowntown, has invented and patented a pipe wrench for the right of which he claims to have been offered \$50,000.

--Jonathan Peters, of Gravel Hill, Mifflin county, has had an entire flock of sheep killed by dogs. No doubt Mr. Peters is ready to support a law for the massacre of all worthless curs.

--Gibbons' woolen mill in Union township, Mifflin county, was destroyed by what is believed to have been an incendiary fire on Sunday night. The loss is \$5,000; insurance not ascertained.

--The Woman's Christian Temperance union sent a courteous note to the tobacco dealers of Huntingdon asking them to close their stores on Sunday. The Local News saws the request was generally observed.

--The Carlisle Ledger announces that the recent wholesale destruction of fish in Pennsylvania streams was due to a fungus disease brought about by an insufficient supply of oxygen due to the low state of the water.

--Louis Campbell, a 4-year-old lad residing in Williamsport, had both legs cut off last April while playing on the tracks of the Philadelphia and Erie railroad.

--His father, E. C. Campbell, has brought suit against the railroad company for \$25,000 damages.