

Ink Slings.

—DAVE HILL gave the State of New York to Democracy. Now let the compliment be repaid.

—If Japan keeps on killing off the Chinese we will have her to blame if the land is over-run with "ists."

—If there was only a little more time before the election the Republicans would effectually cook their goose, by the lies they are telling.

—Every day candidates SCHOFIELD and FOSTER are showing the people more conclusively that they are the men to be sent to the Legislature.

—The calamity howler is out of a job. Nothing remains for him to do now but try to drown the hum of industry with his discordant harangues on poverty.

—They are barbecuing oxen in honor of Congressman WILSON in his district in West Virginia a sign that he will steer his way back to Washington.

—AARON WILLIAMS is the Democratic candidate for Congress. He should and will be elected because the people of this district prefer to have a man with some character represent them.

—The wholesale price of granulated sugar is nearly a half a cent lower per pound to-day than it was this time last year. Democrats remember this fact, it will help you to nail Republican lies.

—The convention of young Democrats at Altoona to-day will be evidence that this State is not going unanimously for DAN at least. The delegation from this county will carry great significance with it.

—Just what has given ground for such an impression we cannot conceive, but really there are people, scattered through the State, who imagine that HASTINGS is going to carry Centre county. He won't come near it.

—The man who has been able to find anything more than good fellowship in candidate HASTINGS is a curiosity indeed. DAN pops and fizzes, just like a bottle of soda, when he meets a stranger, but it is all over in a second and like the soda he gets flat very quick.

—When such men as WM. M. SINGERLY and THOS. COLLINS come before the people for their suffrage there should not be a particle of doubt as to what to do. Vote for them. It is too seldom that men of such type will permit themselves to be made candidates for public office.

—The LOVE people boasted at the Tyrone convention that they would carry Centre county by two thousand majority. Democrats what do you think of this? They are presuming very much on a strength that JACK can never gather. He is not the man for judge and every one knows it.

—The Chilean government has already paid uncle SAM the indemnity of \$250,000 awarded for the indignities heaped upon us during the unpleasantness in South America. She will understand now what it means to monkey with a power that is great enough to bring her to time.

—Already candidate JACK LOVE is trying to work the Methodist church into his campaign. A man who will try to mix politics and religion is not fit for a seat on the judicial bench. Voters remember that when a man asks others to vote for him because he is a member of any particular church he has struck a blow at the constitution of the United States.

—Look at the difference in the character of the men on the Democratic and Republican tickets. There is not a true minded resident in the State who will not say that you might as well compare the sputtering flicker of a tallow dip to the effulgent brilliancy of the sun as try to say that the Republican office grabbers are of the same standard as those Democrats who have reluctantly consented to represent their party in this campaign.

—The papers from every town which HASTINGS and his party have visited thus far have called soda-water DAN down for telling things that are not true. Verily he must be awfully fawt-witted to think that the intelligent people of Pennsylvania are going to be gulled into believing what he says. When such old line Republican papers as the Philadelphia Public Ledger call his talks "tom foolery" there must be something wrong.

—There are a great many people who are convinced that the exalted office of judge should be taken away from intriguing politicians and made an appointive position. They are firm in their convictions now that they have seen the dirty means to which the LOVE people resorted to secure the nomination of their man. These people can vote for Mr. BOWEN with the assurance that his election will give a good, clean, honest man to preside over our lives and our liberties and that they need have no fear of his being either vindictive or lazy.

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The Reduction of Official Salaries.

It is extremely doubtful whether there is occasion or room for another political party, but Mr. J. B. COREY of Bradford, Pa., thinks there is, and he is devoting himself to the duty of bringing another party into the field. Its platform is limited in its demand, as his object is to battle with but one of the many political evils with which the country is afflicted. It has but one plank, demanding the reduction of the salaries of public officials, and with the object of effecting this reform he starts his new party, kills an ox, and invites all who are willing to rally for the principle of lower public salaries to come and participate in the barbecue.

It cannot be denied that there is considerable basis for Mr. COREY'S objection to the large and increasing amount of public money that is being diverted to the questionable purpose of paying large official salaries, but it is an evil that cannot be corrected by the process he proposes. If he will study its growth he will find that its greatest development has occurred during the last twenty-five years, under Republican administration. The Republicans not only created a multitude of new officers, but they also largely and generally increased official salaries. The most practicable way of correcting this evil will be to put out and keep out of power the party that has been chiefly responsible for it.

The reckless manner in which the Republicans fastened unnecessary official expense upon the country was shown in their passage of the Force bill. That measure created thousands of new officers who not only absorbed an undue portion of the public revenues, but enforced a despotic supervision over the elections. By repealing that odious law the Democrats have in one particular effected the object for which Mr. COREY thinks a new party should be organized. The salaries were wiped out by wiping out the officers.

The Democratic party has always been the party of economical administration and moderate public expenses. Upon its return to power, after a long period of Republican official extravagance, it cannot be expected that it can immediately effect a reform in the salaries of public officers, but it has already done the next best thing to their general reduction—it has taxed them. Under the Democratic income tax law every official salary over a certain amount, from the President's down to those of State and county officials, is subjected to taxation. It is in effect a reduction of salaries, and as it virtually effects the object for which Mr. COREY would found a new party, had he not better join the Democratic party and help to strengthen it in its further efforts to reform the abuses which the Republicans introduced into the official management of the government.

Daniel on the Reduction of Wages.

In the repetitions of his stump speech HASTINGS regularly brings in the question "if any one knows a single man whose wages were reduced by the McKINLEY tariff?"

The General had better explain the cause of the Homestead strike. If the McKINLEY tariff didn't cause the reduction of wages that brought on that difficulty, the cut certainly was made while that tariff was in full swing and before CLEVELAND was elected.

He should also explain how it happened that as soon as the Trenton pottery works obtained about a hundred per cent. increase of protection through the McKINLEY tariff its workmen were treated to a cut in their wages. There were strikes in the coal, the coke, the iron, and particularly in the textile industries, caused by a reduction of wages, between the time the McKINLEY bill was passed and the election of CLEVELAND. The occurrence of these troubles filled columns of the daily papers.

Some one in HASTINGS'S audiences should insist upon his explaining why these wage reductions were made under a tariff which he says never reduced any man's wages. It would give variety to his discourses which have grown to be very monotonous, and would be very good for his audience.

—Read the WATCHMAN.

Imbecility on the Stump.

The Republican papers that represent HASTINGS'S stumping tour through the State as a perfect ovation, and speak of his oratory as exciting the enthusiasm of fabulous crowds that assemble to hear him, are nevertheless careful not to publish what he says. When a stump speaker of ability and reputation, who has something to say worth hearing and worth reporting addresses the people, his party papers are eager to republish his remarks, but the Republican sheets don't print their candidate's campaign harangues for the reason that they do not want it to appear in cold type what ridiculous political slush he is getting off.

The Philadelphia Record, however, is not willing that the public at large should not have the benefit of the General's political wisdom and campaign eloquence, and is publishing the conglomerate nonsense, consisting of a combination of mistakes, mis-statements, misapprehensions and frivolities which he is working off as political arguments, to convince the voters that the welfare of the State requires that its government should continue in the control of QUAY'S party.

A fair specimen of the imbecility that pervades the General's speeches is his explanation of what brought on the financial depression. He says that as soon as foreign holders of American securities heard that a "free trade" tariff, as he calls it, was going to be passed, they became alarmed and sent the securities back for payment, thereby draining this country of its gold, and thus bringing on the collapse.

Persons with intelligence enough to know anything about the financial situation know that when the CLEVELAND administration came in it found the treasury so exhausted by the extravagance and mis-management of the previous administration that the government was practically unable to pay its debts. As a natural consequence the public credit at once became impaired, affecting the general business credit of the country. Then began the flow of gold to Europe on the demand of alarmed foreign holders of American securities, who were afraid to continue holding them, with the United States treasury depleted and the government credit in the condition in which a Republican administration had left it.

The idiocy of HASTINGS'S assertion that the drain of gold to Europe was caused by the apprehension that a Democratic tariff was going to be passed, is exposed by the fact that such a tariff, the mere anticipation of which, he says, frightened foreign bondholders into withdrawing their gold from this country, has since been actually passed, and the gold is returning from Europe. It is coming back because the public credit has been restored by a Democratic administration.

An Issue Which HASTINGS Shrinks.

There are some State issues which candidate HASTINGS has reason to be shy of, although he shows a disposition to shirk them all. The question of the semi-monthly payment of wages to employees, and of "pluck-me" stores at which workmen are compelled to deal, come home to him personally as a coal operator and an employer of labor. He has not yet stated in any of his speeches what his views are on these subjects.

The fair and honest payment of laborers employed by companies and corporations has been made so much of a State issue that a law has been passed requiring that they shall be paid twice a month, so that they may derive a greater benefit from their wages and not to be forced before the end of the month to resort to the company store for credit. This law is generally either evaded or directly violated. What does candidate HASTINGS think of the violation of a law so clearly just and so evidently intended for the benefit of laboring people? As he says nothing about it he probably considers it an issue that is not worth bringing into a State campaign.

Another law has been passed, the object of which is to prevent the company store extortion. This law is also generally disregarded. Does the Republican candidate for Governor think that it ought to be enforced, or does he believe that it is of no

consequence whether laboringmen are fleeced at the "pluck-me" store or not? He is traveling about the State just now telling the working people how they have been injured by the Democratic tariff, but would it not be more satisfactory to them if he should let them know how he, if elected Governor, would act in regard to State laws passed especially to promote the interest of labor, but generally violated by companies and confederations.

It might not be uninteresting to the working people, if coal operator HASTINGS would let the working class know how the company of which he is the leading member has acted in its treatment of the law which requires semi-monthly payment of wages and prohibits "pluck-me" stores. It is a matter that might be more interesting to them than his oratorical tribute to the beauties of MCKINLEYISM.

Time for Mr. Caldwell to Retire.

The decision of the Dauphin county court, consisting of two Republican Judges, on Monday last, knocks out the new rule adopted by this Senatorial district, for making nominations, and virtually proclaims that no change from the old conferee system can be made without the unanimous consent of all the counties in the district. To dispute now with the Judges as to the correctness of a judicial decision that denies to two counties the power to make a legal nomination, as against the protest of one, would be a waste of words and space. Partisan advantage, over-weighed the rights of the Democratic people of Centre and Clearfield and in the hope of defeating the Democratic nominee in this district an opinion, that even that partisan court will be ashamed of in the future, was handed down. Under it neither Mr. SAVAGE nor Mr. CALDWELL are legally the party nominees, although both have filed nomination papers and their names will appear upon the ticket, notwithstanding the opinions of the court.

So far as sustaining his position, that Clinton county is entitled to equal representation in the Senatorial conference, is concerned, Mr. CALDWELL has succeeded. This was the fight his friends and himself professed to be making. They knew they had no right to claim the nomination, as against the unanimous action of the other two counties, and excused their action in the case with the assertion that they were objecting to Mr. SAVAGE'S nomination only on the ground that if he submitted now without testing the legality of the new rules, they would be compelled to accept them as the rules hereafter. The court sustained them on this one point, and decidedly and effectively knocked them out in their claim to any nomination.

What, now, are they going to do about it? A further contest will only show that their effort was not to preserve their equality in conferences, but to disrupt and distract the Democratic party and to hand this district over to the Republicans. Do they want to do this? Centre and Clearfield recognize that Mr. SAVAGE is the regular nominee. They will submit to the decision of the court as to the matter of future representation, but insist now, and will insist, that in a district containing three counties, two of them have a right to nominate, regardless of the number of votes cast in the convention.

As Mr. CALDWELL makes no claim to the regular nomination, if he is a Democrat and worthy the confidence or support of his people, he will lose no time in withdrawing his papers and joining in the support of Mr. SAVAGE, who is recognized as the nominee by both Clearfield and Centre counties.

They Will Have to Hunt Them in Heaven.

Some of Clearfield's young ladies talk of forming an organization, pledging themselves never to marry a man who is not intelligent, honest and industrious, good natured, cleanly in person and apparel, healthy, sober, a church member and a total abstainer from liquors, tobacco and profanity.

O Me, O My.

From the Walla Walla, Wash. Statesman. Carnegie has lost favor with the republican party, not because he sold rotten armorplate to the government, but because he has weakened in his support of protection. It was that vile system which made the Carnegies possible. Republicanism, like Carnegie's plates, is full of "blow holes."

Hastings Must Stop Such Lies.

From the Brookville Jeffersonian. A candidate for Governor ought to be candid, honest and truthful in all his statements on the stump, remarks the Jeffersonian Democrat. General Hastings does not meet these requirements. In his speech at Jeannette the other day he said of the McKINLEY tariff law: "It closed no industrial establishments. It reduced no man's wages." From October 6, 1890, to October 6, 1892, while the McKINLEY law had full sway, and before President Cleveland was elected, there were 1,200 strikes and lockouts in the United States because of reductions of wages in protected industries. During this same period, with the McKINLEY law occupying the entire field, the military forces of New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wyoming had to be called out to suppress labor disturbances consequent on reductions of wages in protected industries in these States. Yet General Hastings says McKINLEYISM reduced no man's wages, and closed no industrial establishment. Has he so soon forgotten Homestead? Or does he think the people have so soon forgotten it? During the McKINLEY Tariff law there were constant successions of labor strikes, reductions in wages, military interventions and wars on labor organizations, and almost without exception these were in the protected industries. And during this time there were no advances in wages as a result of the McKINLEY law. What slight advances did occur were due to labor unions, and not to Protection. On the contrary, reduction of wages was the rule. In the face of these facts, which are of such recent occurrence, General Hastings's statements are an insult to the intelligence of the people of Pennsylvania, as well as a falsification of history.

What Free Wool Means to the United States.

From the Washington Post. The Washington Post prints the following interview with the representative of a London house that makes garments for city swells in America who affect foreign styles and fabrics. He says: "The new tariff law will not make much difference in the price of men's wearing apparel, the tendency being to somewhat cheapen the cost. A \$60 suit after the 1st of January next, can be furnished for about \$50, or perhaps a little less. What will make a great difference in the course of a few years is the adoption of free wool. The abolition of a duty on wool is the greatest thing ever done for the American public. I am sorry, as an Englishman and looking at it purely from a selfish point of view, to see your Congress put wool on the free list. It means a larger consumption of the raw material, more woolen factories, better prices for the sheep raisers, enlarged demand for labor and finally it will, inside of ten years, completely drive European fabrics from this country. You will make fine grades of cloth before long that heretofore it has been impossible to manufacture in this country and become a competitor of England and other countries in the markets of the world."

Hastings and Beaver's Stories.

From the Hughesville Mail. General Hastings and ex-Governor Beaver had better get together before speaking in the same town, or their arguments might conflict, as was the case in Bloomsburg last week. The Sentinel says:

In his speech in the Court House Wednesday night ex-Governor Beaver said there was no such thing as absolute free trade, that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans advocate it, but for revenue only. Almost at the same time the Republican candidate for Governor, General Hastings, over in the Opera House said in substance that the Democrats were for absolute free trade and that when a vote was cast for a Democratic nominee it was for free trade and low wages and breaking up of banks.

Born Under an Unlucky Star.

From the Clearfield Public Spirit. It is indeed terrible to think that Dan Hastings's parents didn't have him arrive in this country several years sooner in order that he could have gone into the thick of the fray from 61 to 65 and helped lick the rebels. Dan is a great general, he conquered the miners at the Sterling Colliery in 1892 and came out bird at Johnstown in 1889.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

- Harrisburg has a training school for domestic servants.
- The "Free Lance" is the name of a new evening paper at Scranton.
- Fifty pairs of shoes were stolen from the Ashland shoe factory.
- The Thirtieth Regiment N. G. P. visited Binghamton, N. Y.
- Lebanon has organized a military company with 50 members.
- The recent fairs at Bethlehem cost \$3000 more than it received.
- Suburban street lighting at Harrisburg has been discontinued.
- Brakeman John Hughes was killed while coupling cars at Palo Alto.
- The Pennsylvania Tax Commission have a meeting at Harrisburg Tuesday.
- Nearly \$500 worth of cloth was stolen from Frank Kappler's Allentown store.
- Mayor Shanahan, of Reading, has invited all dissatisfied policemen to resign.
- Reading's policemen are not attracted neatly enough to suit public opinion there.
- County Commissioners of Pennsylvania held a convention Tuesday at Pottsville.
- Falling from a chestnut tree, near Lancaster, Little John Reitzler was fatally hurt.
- Reading banks reports greatly increased activity in business, measured by their loans.
- The Columbia Ministerial Association has started a crusade against indecent bill posters.
- While hunting at Girardville, Herman Kable was attacked by a wildcat, which he finally shot.
- By a fall of coal at Preston, No. 3 mine, Michael Horn, of Girardville, was instantly killed.
- Since August 9 there have been in the State 21 cases of smallpox, two of which were fatal.
- Thousands of fish overcome by sulphur water from a furnace were easily caught at Womelsdorf.
- Playing with an old revolver at Wernersville, little Howard Hassler shot himself, perhaps fatally.
- A train near McKeesport cut in two Peter O'Brien, who had stooped to assist a sick man from the track.
- The horse thief, Tom Cartwright, who stole a team at Nazareth, was captured at Tunkhannock, Saturday.
- The Pennsylvania Antietam Battle field Commission visited the battlefield to mark the lines on Tuesday.
- State Agricultural Secretary Edge will report to the next Legislature gross irregularities in farm taxation.
- Ammon Specht has been appointed postmaster at Fredericksville, Berks county, vice J. H. Frey, resigned.
- Many cars were smashed in a freight wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Bailey's Station, Middle division.
- Governor Pattison attending the dedication on Tuesday of the Travelling Salesmen's Home at Binghamton, N. Y.
- Vagrants in jail at Allentown will be condemned to carry pig iron of the weight of 125 pounds all day as punishment.
- The Pennsylvania State Music teachers' Association will hold their annual reunion in Harrisburg in December.
- A Coroner's jury at Lebanon Monday set at rest the suspicions of foul play in the case of wealthy John Mumford.
- Smaller towns in the State want a law in reference to tampering with fire alarm boxes similar to the Philadelphia law.
- The deserted wife of Frederick Greiner, a Lancaster butcher, has been searching for her husband since Monday last.
- Lyon & Co., Altoona stationers, on trial for defrauding Philadelphia and New York houses were acquitted, Friday.
- Captain George W. Kelly, chief clerk to the Adjutant General at Harrisburg, is the sole survivor of the Curtin administration.
- The Northampton County Agricultural Fair, at Nazareth, closed Friday with the largest attendance in the history of the society.
- Burglars burned the Philadelphia & Reading station at Bowers and robbed the safe of Schwymer & Leiss' marble yard near that place.
- Spangler & Arris' grocery store, Chambersburg, was looted of \$75 by two boys in broad daylight, and the young robbers were captured.
- The body of missing young Warner Amold, of Shicklesmyer, was found mangled on the railroad between Mecanetqua and Wilkesbarre.
- Charged with robbing the Lehigh Valley station at Freeland and Drifton, James McGinn and Francis Gallagher were nabbed, Saturday.
- For alleged unlawful imprisonment Burgess John Sykes, of Troop, Lackawanna County, has sued Stephen Atherton for \$10,000 damages.
- In accordance with the Supreme Court's decision, Judge Albright has ordered the Dubside Evangelicals to vacate the Lehigh county churches.
- The remains of E. B. Leisenring, president of the Lehigh Navigation Company, arrived at Mauch Chunk from Europe, Monday and were buried next day.
- The Antietam Battlefield Commission proceeded from Harrisburg to the field to locate the position of the Pennsylvania troops in that great conflict, on Wednesday.
- Dr. Weaver, surgeon of the Ninth Regiment, National Guard says the troops in Luzerne County certainly contracted typhoid fever from Private Seitz at Gettysburg.
- Frank W. Hay, one of Johnstown's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens and business men, after an illness of less than two weeks' duration, died at his home on Monday night.
- Survivors of Company H. Third Pennsylvania Cavalry, will have a reunion tomorrow, at Roxbury, Franklin county, at which John C. Wagner, ex-Senator S. C. Wagner and others will speak.
- At Beech Creek a few days ago Miss Mable Moore was charged upon by an angry cow, but with the aid of aatchet, which the young lady had in her hands, she defended herself. The satchet was torn into pieces by the cow's horn.