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Ink Slings.
—The turkey and the foot ball player both closed their seasons yesterday.
—Yesterday was a great leveler. Democrats and Republicans alike ate turkey.
—We had thought there would be some hope for STEVENSON in 1896 until GORMAN and BAIRD declared for him.
—If Germany draws the line on our dried apples we can retaliate by not allowing any more of her SNITZS to come over here.
—If you think yourself better than anybody else just play eaves dropper some time and hear what people have to say of you.
—It is readily understood why a good foot-ballist is called a crack player. None of them gain a reputation until they have had a few bones cracked.
—Mrs. LEASE is running a paper out in Kansas and she has named it the *Agitator*. It is such things as these that answer the question "what's in a name?"
—Germany has decided to exclude American dried apples from among her list of imports. She has given no reason for discriminating against such swell products.
—Thanksgiving day marked the seasons end for both foot ball and the turkey. A cut was a *propos* too, the player got on his hair while the poor turkey got it in the neck.
—Col. BRECKENRIDGE is going on the lecture platform, but he won't make a success of it, because the business he appears to know most about is the kind the people want to hear least of.
—There are many who think the rheumatism in GROVER'S foot is not a sufficient excuse for withholding it from the thousands of Republicans who are holding offices that Democrats are entitled to have.
—Boys don't fool away your time. If you have nothing to do spend your idle moments in some library. The rise or fall of business interests can't take the knowledge you have thus gained away from you.
—A new Eldorado has been found in the State of Washington, but the gold miners there won't realize half so much out of it as the Wall street diggers will get out of the bond Eldorado lately uncovered at Washington, D. C.
—More than the usual demand for cabbage leaves is reported among cigar manufacturers as the time approaches when the dear little wife begins to look for "a box of the best cigars" for her husband's Christmas presents.
—General HASTINGS returned home on Tuesday evening very much improved in health and possibly equal to the onslaughts of the pie counter floods. The size of his mail is enormous but does not begin to represent the number of fellows who are out for jobs.
—Turkey has excluded American newspapers from the country. She is doubtless afraid of the power of the press, which if once set to work against her for those Armenian outrages she will find herself so pressed that she will be glad to protect christians in the future.
—At last the new Czar has been married and Princess ALIX is now his better half. If she proves as speedy as her great American namesake—ALIX the queen of the turf—NICHOLAS II will beled such a gait as no other ruler of the Russias has struck before him.
—In Reading the old "Blas laws" are being hunted up for application to bakers who do not sell their bread by the pound. The law requires that bread must be sold by weight and not by the loaf and the bakers are "rising" themselves against this weigh of doing business.
—The assistant auditor general of the post office department has reported an enormous increase of fraudulent lottery and such schemes during the past year. This is easily explained by the great increase in the number of fools in the country, as the recent election evidences.
—The defeated Republican candidate for Governor of Nebraska who refused to contest the successful fusion candidate's right to the chair, because he does not want to figure "in an unseemly scramble for an office the right of which is in doubt," has set an example to men of all parties. If election boards are dishonest prosecute them, but don't encourage this plan of prostituting the freedom of the ballot to unscrupulous partisan Legislatures.
—The Newark, N. J., woman who is now trying to get rid of her eighth husband can indeed be charged with having fooled with "all kinds and manner of men." She started off with an artist, but his society didn't prove as attractive as he painted it up to be, so she got a lawyer and traded herself to him for a divorce from the artist, and then tried musicians, bankers, and farmers until finally a base ball player caught her on the fly and now wants to put her out because she is off her base.

Incorrectly asserted.
In speaking of the action of the majority of the people at the recent election the Philadelphia Times has nothing better or more truthful to say than that "they (the people) defeated the Democrats overwhelmingly because they (the Democrats) well merited the disapprobation of the country."
This may be taken as a specimen of inconsiderate and perfunctory editorial expression. It appears to have been indulged in merely for the sake of something to say.
Is it true that the Democrats merited the disapprobation of the country? What are the facts connected with the question? As regards the tariff, with the various shades of interest involved, which more than anything else affected the recent election, the Democrats thought their representatives in Congress did their utmost to carry out the party promise of reform. The WILSON tariff bill, which in its original formulation fully met that purpose, passed the House by an almost unanimous vote of those who represented the Democracy in that body. Were the Democrats to be censured because a handful of Senators wearing the Democratic livery, but misrepresenting the Democratic purpose, betrayed the party by diminishing the measure of reform provided by the original bill? Was not this treachery commuted in defiance of the well understood sentiment of at least ninety-nine out of every hundred Democrats, and in spite of the earnest appeal of the President and the disapproval of every member of the Democratic administration? What then was the fault of the Democrats in this matter that "well merited the disapprobation of the country?"
It was the business depression and consequent hard times that affected the popular votes. Were the Democrats responsible for that depression? If we are not mistaken the Times, during the campaign, very properly represented that the slump in business and the stringency in financial matters were chiefly caused by injurious Republican fiscal legislation and extravagant expenditures. According to its own argument the Democrats were not involved in the responsibility for this situation. They did their utmost to remedy this defective condition. At the earliest possible moment they repealed the SHERMAN law that had helped to drain the treasury and had deranged the finances of the country. With commendable promptness and with all the vigor they could command, they pushed the passage of a reform tariff bill; but if the reformatory provisions of that measure were curtailed and it was so delayed that its passage was not effected until late in the Summer instead of early in the Spring, it was because four or five Senators, whose action was repudiated by the sentiment of the entire party, were traitors to the measure and the Republicans resorted to every obstacle that could possibly postpone its enactment.
These being the facts connected with the situation that presented itself to the people for their verdict, what sense is there in the declaration of the Times that the Democrats "well merited the disapprobation of the country?" Such a loose assertion does not become a journal that claims to be a medium of correct political information.
—Among those who are giving reasons for the Democratic defeat is Congressman HOLMAN, of Indiana, who is himself one of the defeated. He presents rather a unique combination of causes for the disaster, which he says were CLEVELAND'S Hawaiian policy, the hard times and the unparalleled delay of Congress in passing the tariff bill. The third cause assigned may be merged in the second, which was really the substantial cause of the defeat. The times would not have been as hard at the time of the election if the tariff bill had been passed last winter. As to CLEVELAND'S Hawaiian policy, it is doubtful whether anybody even thought of it when the votes were cast at the recent election. What the average voters had in their minds at the time they put in their ballots was the hard times, and too many of them were made to believe that the Democratic party was the cause of them.

Paid Dearly for a Dinner.
Now that the election is over, with the defeat of Hon. WILLIAM L. WILSON as one of its most unfortunate results, that gentleman has time to consider what it cost him to accept the hospitality of the London Chamber of Commerce. The dinner at which he was entertained by that body of English businessmen proved to be a dear dinner to him, for there is scarcely a doubt that the use that was made of it in impressing the humbuggable class of West Virginia voters with the belief that Mr. WILSON had done something highly inimical to American interests on that occasion, had the effect of turning enough votes against him to produce the small majority by which he was defeated.
Hereafter Democratic statesmen should be shy of English dinners. Republican leaders like BLAINE and DREW may put themselves around British viands with impunity, but a Democrat of prominence accepts public hospitality in England at the risk of being charged with hostility to American industry and conspiracy against the star spangled banner.
When Mr. Wilson received his invitation to that London dinner he should have sent his regrets in a note explaining the circumstances of his candidacy for re-election to Congress as a tariff reform Democrat. He should have informed his would-be entertainers that his appearance at their board would set every Republican organ and sponser in the United States to work on the fool class of voters who could easily be made to believe that his attendance at an entertainment given by London merchants was a surrender to British free trade, with such embellishments as to the atrocity of his conduct as could be added by representing that he had been bought with British gold.
Of course it would have been difficult to make those Englishmen understand how such rot could affect American voters; but every election in which the tariff is involved proves that it has its effect, and Mr. Wilson, considering the smallness of the majority against him, might have saved his election by declining the English entertainment.
That dinner was a dear one to him, but it involved much more of a loss to the American people who have been temporarily deprived of the service of one of the ablest and purest public characters that this country has ever produced.

Dirty Gerrymandering.
It is an unusual thing for a Republican paper to condemn a bad practice that is an advantage to its party, but the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, the leading Republican journal of Missouri, does this unusual thing when it says that "gerrymandering is a dirty business," and advises its party not to be encouraged to go too heavily into that "dirty business" by its recent sweeping victory. The Lancaster *Examiner*, another Republican paper endorses this expression, saying that in the long run gerrymandering does not pay, as the mass of the American people love fair play and justice, and have more than once upset a gerrymander. This is very pretty editorial sentiment, but it is not likely to be carried out in Republican practice. At the last election the Republicans of New York actually engrated this "dirty business" into the State constitution by a provision that makes their present gerrymander unalterable for the next ten years, and no one need be surprised if some of the dirtiest work that was ever done in that line will be done by the Republicans at Harrisburg next winter. Already they are gloating over the opportunity of wiping out the only Democratic congressional district in Philadelphia, and it will be a miracle if in the passage of the apportionment bills they shall restrain their usual inclination to avail themselves of every mean advantage within reach. Their big majority will be easily constructed by them as a justification for the "dirtiest" gerrymander that ever defeated the object of popular representation.
—The Doylestown Democrat asks itself "can bank robberies be prevented?" Of course they can. Employ non churchmen and gamblers to run them. The modern embezzler is always reported as "a home man, a church member who was not given to speculation."

An Edifying Spectacle.
There was something interesting as well as instructive in the gathering of Republican State and local bosses in Philadelphia immediately after the election. Chief Boss QUAY promptly made his appearance in the city which had outdone itself in rolling up a mammoth Republican majority, and his arrival was the signal for the attendance of the more prominent ringsters who compose the Philadelphia combine. The chief did not encourage too close an approach of the miscellaneous gang of understrappers, but withdrew to the seclusion of DAVE MARTIN'S country seat, a short distance from the city, where only those henchmen most entitled to his confidence by reason of superior service and efficiency in running the machine, were allowed to confer with him.
No better place could have been selected for this symposium of machine politicians than that rural retreat to which MARTIN retires for rest and recuperation when exhausted by the arduous duties which devolve upon the municipal ring that manages the city government for the personal profit of its members. An edifying spectacle is presented in the circumstance of Boss QUAY, reputed to be a millionaire with no visible resources but such as are supplied by politics, calling his henchmen together at the suburban mansion of DAVE MARTIN, who has no other apparent means of accumulation than those furnished by the opportunities of a machine politician.
It was there that the head ringsters of the combine met to determine the use that should be made of the great popular verdict which, more completely than ever, has placed the State and city governments in their hands. The business that then and there occupied their attention was the selection of the men who should compose the personnel of HASTINGS' administration, the choice of the officers of the next State Legislature, and the assignment of candidates whom the citizens of Philadelphia will be allowed to elect at the next municipal election.
The incident is one that should furnish food for edifying reflection to the people of the State and the residents of Philadelphia.
Mistake of the Temperance Women.
It is to be regretted that ladies engaged in so good a cause as that in which the W. C. T. U. are enlisted should display a lack of good sense in treating the incident of Mrs. CLEVELAND'S christening the ship St. Louis with a bottle of wine. It was a mistaken zeal that prompted the temperance women to ask her not to use the liquid customarily used on such occasions, for she had been invited there not to introduce something new in the method of ship christening, but to do her part in the performance as it has been the custom to have it done ever since ships have been launched.
She could not be expected to dictate to the shipbuilders that water should be substituted for wine in the ceremony. To ask her to do so was an attempt to put her in an awkward position. If this request received no recognition from her it was because it was unreasonable, and it is equally unreasonable for those who made it to become offended because no notice was taken of it.
If there was a practical evil involved in the christening of ships with wine the matter would be different, but the evil of liquor is entirely in the use that is made of it. It is harmful to drink it, but is any harm done by spilling it over the bow of a ship? In fact the act of smashing a bottle of wine suggests the manner in which temperance people think such stuff should be treated. Mrs. CLEVELAND really typified the doctrine of the W. C. T. U. and yet they are unreasonable enough to be mad about it.
—The Bellefonte man who had been working in New York State and came home to vote, may not have been so far off after all when in his good Democratic enthusiasm he swore "by heavens everybody up there's goin' to vote for SINGERLY. They certainly didn't vote for HILL."
—Now that the election is over prepare for winter and subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

In Times of Peace Prepare for War.
From the New York Sun.
In his annual report, this year, Mr. Herbert has advised Congress to authorize the construction of three new battle ships and twelve torpedo boats. Such a recommendation should secure the favorable attention of Congress. Reckoning the Maine as a battle ship, there are now built or building two second-class and four first class battle ships, whereas the naval programme contemplates twelve as being necessary for the country's defence. The policy adopted several years ago was that of supplying one of these battle ships at each session of Congress. For the last two years, however, no armored ship has been authorized, so that even if three were now ordered it would be only making up for arrears.
Again the two great armor-producing plants, the Bethlehem and the Carnegie, established at much cost, have now nearly finished their contracts, and will have wholly finished them during the coming year. It is wise to continue armor construction now, since sooner or later it must come, rather than to cause the scattering of the skilled workmen and the turning of the special appliances into other channels. The same may be said of the great shipyards. As to torpedo boats, every new war, Cuban, Brazilian, or Korean, adds practical proofs of their value, and our country has but three of them built, and three others planned.
As to the question of expense, whatever is needed for the country's protection should be supplied. But, besides, it happens that, after the next fiscal year's needs for ship construction have been met, there will be a falling off of over twelve millions the succeeding year. That result is from the fact that all the large ships but one will have been finished. Hence Congress would be perfectly justified in authorizing two or three battle ships, and leaving most or all of the preliminary payments on them for the following session. That course of postponement may not be necessary; but if unavoidable, there is precedent for it in the case of our very last battle ship, the Iowa.
At all events, the work of rebuilding the navy, well carried on during the last twelve years, must not now be checked.
Mr. Debs and the People's Party.
From the Easton Sentinel.
The People's party is here to stay, and in two years more will be fully equipped for the national contest. The Democratic party will never get into power again as long as you and I live. It had its golden opportunity. It surmised power, and the people of this generation will not trust it again. I expect nothing from the Republican party. It is notoriously the party of plutocracy and the gold bugs will shape its policy and dictate its legislation. The People's party is the only party in which all the reform elements can unite and pull together. We have all got to put in our best efforts, and now is the time to begin.
The Political Weather Vane.
From the Columbia Independent.
Four years ago the Republicans were defeated in nearly every Northern State, and in the entire South with a popular majority of over a million against them. In 1894 the Democrats have suffered a defeat of equal proportions, and no intelligent and dispassionate observer of political currents can to-day form any judgment as to the verdict of the nation in 1896. The people have become cynical in politics, and the sooner the leaders of all parties learn that defeat must ever follow forfeiture of public confidence the sooner will parties be equipped to protect themselves against disaster.
How Pennsylvania Voted on Congressmen.
From the Philadelphia Times.
The officially received vote for the various candidates for Congress at the recent election in this State, as compiled at the State Department and sent out Saturday, gives the Republicans 574, 773 of the whole number of 903,592 cast and the Democrats 328,819. A Republican plurality of 245,954. The Prohibition party pulled 2,480 votes less for candidates for Congress than for Governor, Hawley receiving 23,443 votes, and the People's party Congressional vote is 6,292 less than that given Ailman for Governor.
Still Democrats Down There.
From the Pittsburg Post.
Sugar doesn't count much in Louisiana when it comes to voting. The full returns of all the congressional districts of the state at the late election show a Democratic majority on the total vote of the state of 41,469. This was over the Republicans and the Populists. The lowest Democratic majority in a district was 5,644, and the highest 9,567. There was a light vote in three districts, but in the others, in and about New Orleans, the largest vote for years was polled.
—If you want printing of any description the WATCHMAN office is the place to have it done.

Spawls from the Keystone.
—Erie will have a new opera house.
—Williamsport's first toboggan slide is scheduled for this winter.
—The Lehigh Valley Elstodoff held its convention at Allentown on Thursday.
—The State Treasurer has received \$300 from some conscience-troubled person.
—The new Evangelical Schuylkill Seminary will probably be located in Myers town.
—The new Lehigh Lutheran and Reformed church, at Allentown, was dedicated Sunday.
—Two brothers named Sanders were killed near Allentown on the Lehigh Valley road.
—After quarrelling with his mother-in-law, Charles Huey, of Reading, blew out his brains.
—W. K. Mohler, of Allentown, is a leading candidate for State Grand Ward of Odd Fellows.
—Charles M. Leibensperger, aged 55 years, of Maiden Creek fell from a trestle and was killed.
—Dubiste Evangelicals laid the cornerstone of the new St. John's church, at Bethlehem, Sunday.
—Daughters of Liberty met at Pittsburg and resolved to form a State Council in Philadelphia yesterday.
—York is trying to raise \$35,000 to secure a \$60,000 textile mill, backed by Philadelphians and to employ 2,000 hands.
—Governor Stone, of Missouri, will remove Charles S. Owsley, the fraudulent Recorder of Voters in Kansas City.
—Bishop Bowman conducted quarterly conference services in Emanuel Evangelical church, Catasauqua, Sunday.
—T. E. Tinney was Monday appointed fourth class postmaster at Miles Grove, Erie County, vice L. H. Dalley, removed.
—George J. Brockbeck, of Tamaqua, recently discharged by the Lehigh Coal Company, committed suicide by shooting.
—War Veteran John H. Rice brooded over the suicide of his son a year ago, at Reading, and on Saturday shot himself and died.
—One of the handsomest churches in Central Pennsylvania—the new Methodist edifice, at Ashland—was consecrated Sunday.
—A boiler explosion at a Blackwood colliery Monday seriously injured Fireman George Copeland and John Sherlock slightly.
—T. C. Connellville Brewery proprietors seek to monopolize beer sales in Fayette county by arresting local agents of outside breweries.
—Fifteen hundred employes of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company in Western Pennsylvania have been granted an increase in wages from 55 to 65 cents a ton.
—Only four Eschertes were left at Mohlsville to worship in the church that fell to them by the Supreme Court decision, and they have rented it to the School Board.
—Ex Senator Kellogg of Louisiana, has written a caustic letter to the speech delivered by W. S. Parkerson, of New Orleans, at the Home Market Club banquet in Boston.
—Robert H. White, a cabinet maker in the service of W. B. Crook, Williamsport, suddenly dropped to the floor of the workshop on Saturday morning, expiring almost instantly.
—The bar-room of the Cambria house, at Ebensburg, kept by A. E. Bender was entered by burglars Thursday night of last week and so no money and a quantity of liquor stolen.
—Normal College Principal Walter H. Butler, of Owego, N. Y., has mysteriously disappeared. He is known as "Pansy Blossom" Butler, having originated the idea to make the pansy the national flower.
—"I'll dare you to shoot!" exclaimed William Young, colored, at whom Bob Key, a companion, and pointed an empty gun, in Bristol. Key put in a cartridge of shot and fired, shooting Young in the arm and head.
—It is expected that the Everett blast furnace will be ready to start up about the first of next month. A large amount of coke, limestone and iron ore is on the grounds and everything is in readiness for the blowing in.
—Frank Ball aged 17 years, son of David Ball, of Lehighfield, left home October 3, and up to the present his parents have no information concerning his whereabouts. He wore a dark suit, brown hat and shoes well worn.
—Rev. Cornelius Ruter Lane, Ph. D. died Saturday morning at 5 o'clock, at his home in Chambersburg, after being ill for a week from pneumonia. Dr. Lane was born in Pottsville N. J., June 27, 1823 so that he was in his 71th year.
—F. J. Dietrick, the well known hardware dealer of Carrolltown, made an assignment on Thursday, Joseph A. Gray, being appointed assignee. Mr. Dietrick's embarrassment is said to have been caused by the hard times and his inability to collect outstanding accounts.
—A fire in Osceola on Wednesday night, of incendiary origin destroyed the oil and merchandise warehouse of Henry Everlight, the livery stable of P. Gallery, the private stable of Dr. F. B. Read, besides doing damage to the Episcopal church and nearby buildings.
—Dickinson college, at Carlisle, is to have a new building which will have about eight large and commodious recitation rooms, a hospital ward, several executive offices, a gymnasium for the young ladies who attend Dickinson and three finely furnished rooms for literary societies.
—On a Saturday while T. J. Briggs was putting a new roof on his home in Shireleysburg, Huntingdon county, he accidentally left his hatchet fall and struck his daughter Annie, who was in the yard, on the right arm, inflicting a ugly gash. It was a narrow escape from death, as the hatchet fell within a few inches of her head.
—Jacob Stoltz, a well known citizen of Chest township Cambria county, who on Friday night of last week suffered a paralytic stroke died at his home at St. Bonifacio Friday, aged about 67 years. He had been for years a prominent farmer but not long ago sold his farm and moved to St. Bonifacio, where he had since lived retired.