

—It is all right for a young lady to take a gentleman's arm on a slippery sidewalk, but in a sleigh, never.

—A man isn't in much danger of being believed to be cutting ice, now-a-days, simply because he has a skate on.

—The Chinese have grounds for glorying in the fact that the Japs have'n't been able to carry their entire empire off yet.

—Statistics show that most widows and widowers marry. Doubtless the human desire to do better prompts them to hitch up a second time.

—Yesterday was St. Valentine's day, but the weather was so cold that cupid froze his wings before he brought any love messages for our devil.

—Don't be fooled into thinking yourself better than every-one else, if, perchance, fortune has been a little more lavish with you than your neighbor.

—Clearfield political agitators can settle down to the pros and cons as to how it happened now since Mr. BLOOM has walked off with the post-office plum.

—Next Tuesday the regular spring elections will be held in all parts of the county. Vote for the best men for every office and you will be voting for a Democrat.

—The post-office department has succeeded in putting a stop to the operations of the "blind pool" sellers, but all the authorities in christendom can't stop the blind pool buyers.

—If Senator HOAR would retire from public service and join forces with DANA on the New York Sun what a fine brace of scolds they would make on the editorial staff of that paper.

—LILUOKALANI, Hawaii's deposed black queen, is to be tried for treason against the young republic. Of course they will accord her a trial by her peers but who will they be, the Hawaiian jingoists?

—The man who makes information against a blasphemer and invokes the law to have him properly punished, does as much, and more, for the good of the people by that one act than ten sermons from a pulpit on the third commandment.

—Duluth, Minnesota, turned a political somer-sault and went Democratic at the election last week, after having given the Republicans four hundred majority last fall. Such spring results cut a good bit of ice for Democrats who are still snowed under.

—ELBERT KNAPP, of Rochester, was taking his morning bath on Friday and to keep warm had moved the tub close beside a stove. When he had finished washing himself he went to step out, but slipped and sat square down on the red hot stove. It is needless to say he got up as soon as possible.

—The obligations of speculative interest in the United States to foreign countries, that is stocks, bonds, etc., upon which we are paying interest, amounts to more than \$3,000,000,000. A sum that exceeds all the national, state and county debts combined. Truly might we be said to be mortgaged to Europe.

—Only fourteen days remain for this session of Congress to do its work, but few as they are there will be more than enough in all probability. Since it has refused to do anything in the way of financial legislation to relieve the country it would have been better had it never reconvened after the holidays.

—A number of the Legislators in various States are greatly exercised over the question as to the rights women have to wear big hats in theatres and places of public amusement. Talk of legislation against such head gear is about as silly as to say it would be right to tax men for having "big heads" at such places. The one is just about as bothersome as the other and quite as much in vogue.

—The Harrisburg Star Independent is responsible for the statement that the first telescope ever used in this country is now among the curios in the Department of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg. It was BEN FRANKLIN'S old glass and though he found it powerful enough to bring the heavens to him in his astronomical research of long ago, its greatest length will not bring the balance in the State Treasury within the range of vision when the present Legislature adjourns.

—It seems decidedly out of place for the Philadelphia Republicans to call in Governor HASTINGS, a resident of this county to preside and talk at a political meeting held in their city in furtherance of Republican chances of success at a municipal election. Next Tuesday's contest in Philadelphia should be a purely local affair, but to HASTINGS it means something awful. He cast his die with MARTIN and his ring and it is but natural he should lend a hand to make it turn up head. If MARTIN is downed, whither will HASTINGS' bark drift?

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Now is Their Chance.

The fellows who had to hang up their proposed raids on the State Treasury during PATTISON'S administration, knowing that he would come down on them with his veto, now feel themselves relieved from such an obstacle and are as frisky as catbirds in consequence. Legislation at Harrisburg is actually bubbling over with their schemes for the creation of new offices, for the increase of salaries, and for the appropriation of money for useless purposes.

We have already mentioned how additional departments are to be added to the State government, with a number of high salaried officers; how the capitol grounds and buildings are to be converted into a gorgeous and lucrative branch of the public service, and how the salary of members is to be almost doubled. These eccentricities of extravagance are to be supplemented by the creation of additional Judgeships which are uncalled for as needed additions to the machinery of justice.

Many bills have been introduced for this purpose in spite of protests that in the districts for which they are asked the business of the courts does not require such an increase of the judiciary. This is unquestionably the fact, but it is not likely to prevent this Legislature from turning out a batch of superfluous judges.

A bill has also been introduced with a view to producing a crop of sealers of weights and measures for the affliction of Philadelphia which but recently got rid of that kind of official leeches. The only object of the bill is to provide places for party henchmen, with salaries of \$1500 each.

These are samples of the measures that are being prepared at Harrisburg for the absorption of the public funds. There is no longer a Governor to put his foot on them, and it is likely that everything will go.

A Veritable Political Tom-Tit.

One of the first official acts of Senator McQUOWN, of this district, was to ask the body of which he is a member to refuse to confirm the appointment of editor BUMILLER of the Millheim Journal as Notary Public, because he is a Democrat. This is the first time in the history of the district, that objection has been made by its Senator to the confirmation of any one named for notary. At the present time more than half the persons holding commissions as Notaries, within the counties comprising the district, are Republicans who received their appointment from a Democratic Governor and were confirmed by the Senate on motion of a Democratic Senator; so that this precedent for petty partisanship and Senatorial littleness can be credited solely and alone to the only Republican representative this district has ever had or ever will have in the State Senate. It is a fair illustration, however, of the "magnanimity" of Republicanism, and should be an object lesson for that class of Democrats who assisted in disgracing the district with a Senator of so little calibre and of such pitiable political smallness.

In addition to their party rancor, there is another reason for the bitter opposition of the Republican papers of Philadelphia to ex-Governor PATTISON'S candidacy for mayor. Some years ago when through the connivance of Republican officials they were allowed to steal a large amount of money from the State, by means of dishonest bills for advertising, Governor PATTISON interfered and compelled them to return their plunder. The amount which the Press was made to disgorge was \$10,926.02. Is it any wonder that that virtuous sheet heads the Republican crusade against a candidate for mayor who, as Governor, evinced a determination to stop advertising raids on the tax-payers' money.

It is being reported around town, by those who wish to accomplish the defeat of S. A. McQUISION for Justice of the Peace, that if elected he will have his office in his carriage shops on Thomas street. Mr. McQUISION called at this office yesterday and said that he had no idea of having his office there and the report was started with the hope of injuring his canvass. He has a right to the election and it will be a grievous wrong on the part of the party if he is not.

Gripsacks on the Rise.

When JOE NOBRE, who seems to be a rollicking sort of a ringster, and notoriously connected with Philadelphia machine politics, gaily appeared in his place in council, of which he is a member, and declared that he had traveled a hundred miles expressly to vote for an investigation of the charge that councilmen had been bribed by shares of the stock of the Mutual Automatic Telegraph company, he was merely shamming. A real investigation—one that would go to the bottom of that particular rascality—was the last thing that NOBRE or any of his associates wanted. The alacrity with which they declared their desire to have the thing probed was a bluff that wretchedly collapsed when the probe was applied.

When the investigation was pushed they did every thing to make it abortive. The smartest combine lawyer was employed to frustrate its purpose; documents were concealed and witnesses spirited away. But in spite of everything that was done to prevent developments, the damaging fact has been disclosed, the stock book of the company telling the tale, corroborated by other conclusive proof, that shares had been distributed among councilmen as bribes for voting away a valuable franchise. The most interesting feature of these developments is that of this swag DAVE MARTIN and CHARLEY PORTER, the leaders of the combine who are responsible for WARWICK'S nomination for mayor, each got 1525 shares.

In consequence of the way in which matters are being developed, a panic has overtaken the Philadelphia ringsters, affecting JOE NOBRE'S exuberant and apprehensive imagination to such an extent as to cause him to declare that if PATTISON should be elected mayor there would be a wonderful rise in the price of gripsacks. More truth than fancy presents itself in this observation. Should an honest mayor be elected, who would force an investigation of Philadelphia's municipal corruption, scarcely enough gripsacks would be found in the market to supply the thievish ring politicians whose escape from the penitentiary would depend upon their speedy departure for parts unknown.

Councilman BYRAM, of the Frankford district in Philadelphia, who has received the Republican nomination for re-election, is a candidate with a personal reputation such as excites the protest of clergymen and causes the opposition of the women. The decency of the district is arrayed against him; but a committee of councils, having taken his case in hand and subjected it to exculpatory investigation, hand him back to his constituents with a brilliant coat of whitewash. It is to be seen whether the voters of Frankford will be satisfied with the committee's kalsomining.

Inland Towns Interested.

It is with no idle curiosity that people in the country watch the municipal contest in Philadelphia. The citizens of inland boroughs are interested in the movement for the reformation of municipal government which has developed in the large urban centres, and is likely to extend to towns of lesser magnitude.

Defective civic government is the weak point in American public life. The cities have been allowed to fall into the hands of men who have administered their affairs for the money they can make out of them. Some of the great centres of population, conspicuously New York, by the voluntary assistance of its political majority, have overcome their municipal thieves. Philadelphia is now engaged in a deadly struggle with her governing plunderers, and outsiders are greatly interested in the result.

There is not a town of any size in the interior that has not suffered from bad municipal government. Most of them have been pillaged, more or less, by rings and combines that have secured control of their municipalities. It is on this account that their citizens are interested in the fight for good government in the larger cities, for success in that quarter will encourage them to move for reform nearer home.

Reverses Their Decision in the Savage Case.

The consistency of the opinion of the Dauphin county judges is of that kind that will be better for the country to have bottled up and preserved as an evidence that the courts are not always above political prejudice, rather than to be used as an example to be followed by others wearing the judicial ermine. Last fall when these two judges believed they could assist the Republican party, in the election of a Senator from this district, by prohibiting the Democrats having a candidate upon the ticket under the head of "Democratic," they had neither hesitancy nor scruples in deciding that the BAKER ballot law forbade a candidate using any word to designate his candidacy that was used as an appellation at the head of a regular ticket. By this decision Mr. SAVAGE was stopped from having his name printed upon the ticket either as an "independent," "citizens," or any other kind of a "Democratic" candidate—notwithstanding the fact that upon that ticket there was no name for Senator under the head of "Democratic." Last week a similar case, involving exactly the same questions, but affecting the election of a Republican councilman in Harrisburg, came before this same court, and it took it only about twenty-five minutes to determine that there was nothing in the law prohibiting the use of the words "independent Republican," to designate a ticket, although there was a regular "Republican" ticket in the field. The one decision was to assist in the defeat of a Democratic candidate for Senate; the other to assist in securing the election of a Republican councilman—showing a "consistency" that consists chiefly in its efforts to be "consistent" only in furthering partisan ends.

Lawyers in a Bellefonte council have proven expensive luxuries. North warders take warning. Don't foist another costly experiment on the tax payers of the borough but elect sound, practical, MORRIS COWDRICK. He is a Democrat, to be sure, but what matters that in a municipal election when you are called upon to choose between a visionary lawyer candidate and a thoroughly practical mechanic. What Bellefonte needs is a reorganized council and it will get it if Messrs COWDRICK, GARMAN and KIRK are elected.

If You Want It, Ask For It.

That seemingly never ending steal known as the "Bird Book," shows every indication of coming out "cat bird," during the present session of the Legislature and will of course receive the signature of the Governor. How soon the bill will get through and the book be ready for distribution we do not know, but those of our people who want their part of the "swag," in the shape of a copy, ought to be making application to the members from the county or the Senator from the district to whom they will be furnished for free distribution. It has been a long time since the average Republican voter, hereabouts, has had a right to demand much in this way, and now that the opportunity offers we have no doubt that they will be ready to ask for all they can get. The "Bird Book" is a free gift from the State and there is no reason why the "deserving" in this section, should not get their full share.

A striking specimen of A. P. A. sham patriotism is presented in the bill introduced in the State Legislature requiring that above every public school building shall float an American flag, made of American wool, grown by Americans, and attached to flagstuffs of American wood constructed by American workmen. The Americanism embodied in this proposition is entirely too intense to be real. It is a sham intended to cover an illiberal nationalism, and to pervert patriotic feeling to partisan designs. The pretenders who make all this parade of devotion to the American flag would likely be maligners of it if they would be called upon to defend that flag against a foreign foe, and if drafted into the military service would, in all probability, be found among the coffee-coolers.

No Financial Legislation from the Democrats.

From the York Gazette. The House of Representatives at Washington has rejected the plan of the administration for affording the treasury the financial relief it so badly needs.

Yesterday by a vote of 135 to 162, the Springer bill, which provides for the issue of \$500,000,000, three per cent. fifty year gold bonds, was lost on third reading. This will be accepted on all hands as a final determination of the matter. It means that nothing can be expected from the House. The prospects in the Senate have never amounted to anything. So Mr. Cleveland finds the responsibility rests on himself alone. He has done all that lay in his power to have Congress solve the problem and do its duty in order to preserve the national credit. The message which he sent them the other day stated the situation so forcibly and clearly that no one can pretend to be ignorant of the condition of the treasury and of his determination to maintain the national credit.

It is evident now that Congress never intended to enact any currency legislation at this session. Whatever pretence may be maintained that this has been or is now a party question amongst the members is dissipated. It has been from the beginning of the session a struggle between gold and sound credit on the one hand, and silver and fiat money schemes on the other, and from the start it has been apparent that the silver influence was in both branches predominant and that the division is made by no means on party lines.

One of two things is now proven. Either there has not been and is not now an honest money majority in Congress or some of the Republicans, whose votes are needed to make the honest money majority, lack patriotism and rather than see any currency legislation enacted for the benefit of the country which incidentally might benefit the Democratic party, are willing to see the country suffer and the national credit attacked.

Fortunately for the country there is an honest money man in the presidential chair; a man in whose eyes fiat money schemes, whether they contain the promise of political advantage for his party or not, find no favor; a man whose uniform adherence to sound currency principles has won him the absolute confidence of the best men of all parties and makes him today the one hope of the nation in this crisis.

It was this confidence in him and in what he says that made the simple announcement by him, that in case of an adverse vote in Congress he would issue bonds, sufficient to check the outflow of gold and avert a threatened panic.

The Philadelphia Times S. S. Series Among the Rest.

Nearly every newspaper has a picture of the La Gascogne. The Philadelphia Press has one of her as she enters the New York harbor covered with ice. As the boat had not got in when the Press went to press, and was only sighted about thirty miles out from Sandy Hook at sundown, it is evident that the Press has a very enterprising artist and long distance camera, or else a lying publisher.

A boat is a very handy thing of which to have a picture in a newspaper office. It will do duty for so many boats; just like a horse picture. People like to see pictures of boats, horses and even men, though they only have masts or legs, in common with the name printed under them. A picture seems to give a realizing sense of substance to the story; and so any picture goes.

They'll Make the Money Fly.

From the Pittsburg Post. A decrease of the state revenues is expected of \$2,000,000 for the next two years, for which this Legislature makes appropriations. The total is not expected to exceed \$19,000,000. The regular and special appropriations increased salaries, new offices, etc., give promise of \$30,000,000. At least that is what is asked. Of course considerable pruning will be necessary, but the indications are every penny will be gobbled that can be reached.

A Simple Way to Hold the Gold Reserve.

From the Steubenville, Ohio, Gazette. One gleam of common sense was shown in the House yesterday when Mr. Brosius, of Pennsylvania, recommended that until the present exigency be passed "redemption" of greenbacks that do not stay "redeemed," be stopped. This of itself would stop what has been called the "drain on the Treasury gold," and when once tried would prove so satisfactory that the "redemption" humbug would never be resumed.

The bird book bill has passed the House and Senate and is now in the hands of the Governor. It is generally supposed that he will sign the act, although it is just as generally known to be an unmitigated and inexcusable steal.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Bedford county is to have a new jail.

—All Danville stores are now closed in early evening.

—Luzerne County's lawyers Saturday condemned the Quay County bill.

—Thomas Reynolds, of Reynoldsville, fell dead on the sidewalk Wednesday.

—The ice is gorged in the Juniata river at Mt. Union to the height of ten feet.

—Rev. E. P. Swift, who died recently in South Pittsburg, left an estate of \$185,000.

—A students' congress will be held at West Chester to discuss school questions.

—West Chester's smallpox scare has died out, as there is not a genuine case there.

—Wilkesbarre people will build a rink and try to revive the roller-skating craze.

—Lehigh County paid \$161 last year to keep its bad boys in the Huntington Reformatory.

—The Altoona ministerial association has been discussing "The Young Man and the Church."

—There is a place in the ground near the heart of the city of Altoona that is hot enough to boil water.

—Lawyers of Schuylkill County are preparing to oppose the Orphans' Court bill, pending in the Legislature.

—Friday at noon the First Methodist church at Johnstown was damaged by fire to the amount of \$10,000.

—Remonstrances were filed against only four out of 1012 applications for a liquor license in Luzerne County.

—Warning herself by the fire at Gladstone, Fayette County, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown was burned to death.

—Lycoming county's net cost for maintenance of prisoners in the western penitentiary last year was \$2,171.33.

—Professor C. L. Doolittle, of Lehigh University, has resigned and will go to the University of Pennsylvania.

—Being caught in the belting of a machine at Wernersville State Asylum, Alvin Ludwig's arm's were broken.

—The Punxsutawney glass works have resumed operations again thus giving about 100 men and boys employment.

—State Printer Busch has leased E. K. Meyers' printing house at Harrisburg, and will print the Legislative Record.

—Wilkesbarre's Board of Trade will have a committee at the State Capitol to-day to oppose the Quay County bill.

—Burgess Langer, of Birdsboro, drove out an engineer corps that attempted to survey lines for an unauthorized trolley road.

—The Cambria county poor board sat at the Grand Army hall Saturday distributing funds to the poor and needy of Johnstown.

—Selwyn Hall Military Academy of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, at Reading, has closed for lack of students.

—A diphtheria epidemic in McKean County has closed the schools at Sawyer City, Dallas City, Corwin Centre and Platt Hill.

—The extreme cold weather has compelled Emporium to discard gas for street lights so as to have sufficient for domestic use.

—A traveling salesman, Z. R. Keller, lost a satchel at Reading containing notes and papers valued at several thousand dollars.

—A dog fell hundreds of feet down Neilson shaft, at Shamokin, smashing a mine cage and narrowly missing several workmen.

—A wildcat has killed a number of deer in Hall & Kaul's Trout run park, Elk county, this season. A trap was set and it was caught.

—Reports of over 200 steam railroads in Pennsylvania were among the valuables destroyed by the State Printing Office fire at Harrisburg.

—The Methodists of Tyrone are making elaborate preparations for the conference which convenes at that place March 13th. It will continue one week.

—Judge Schott decided that County Treasurer Hemingway is entitled to commission on South Bethlehem's liquor license fees paid by dealers.

—Every newspaper in Allegheny County, outside of Pittsburg and several in the Smoky City, strongly oppose Senator Flinn's Greater Pittsburg bill.

—The Pennsylvania railroad sent hundreds of men from its carshops at Altoona to the mountains. A snow shoveler or the mountain is reported killed.

—A goose 34 years old, owned by Mrs. Haines, at Westport, Clinton county, died a few days ago. It is not often that a fowl of this kind reaches that age.

—A farmer's institute will be held at Utahville on Wednesday and Thursday next. Some prominent instructors will be present from neighboring counties.

—The residence of George Leipold, opposite the Allegheny house, at Clearfield, was destroyed by fire Friday morning, the family having a narrow escape from death.

—At Waterville, Clinton county, on Tuesday, a man named English, while hauling logs, was crushed to death by the grab chain breaking, which permitted the heavy logs to roll on him.

—The churches of the Evangelical association in Pennsylvania are nearly all minus congregations and many of them are being purchased by the United Evangelical church at very low figures.

—Mrs. Romig, of Selingsgrove, widow of Isaac Romig and mother of Charles Romig, who were killed in the accident at Kreamer, intends bringing suit against the Pennsylvania company to recover damages. She will ask for \$50,000.

—The Look Haven Democrat is authority for the statement that snow drifts near Luthersburg are piled so high along the road that a person can stand on some of them and reach the telephone wires strung between DuBois and Curwensville.

—Miss Jackson and Mary Brawley, aged 18 and 19 years, of Cresson were nearly frozen to death while out with a sledding party Tuesday evening. They had to be carried from the sled into the house and are yet under the care of a doctor.