

Ink Sings.

-If there is anything in Cuban rebels' promises the coming season will be a very hot one for Spain.

-The cholera epidemic is threatening Japan. It is needless to say that the Chinese look upon the situation in heartless delight.

-Now Mr. KERR will have to make another trip to Washington or acknowledge he was trying to bamboozle Pennsylvanians.

-The BARNUM circus, for the season of 1895, advertises a female clown. The "new woman" is in evidence at last in her proper sphere.

-The Woomscocket, R. I., bobbin works has failed and made an assignment, but strange to say the bobbin business will go bobbin' right along, notwithstanding.

-The dazzling sun-flower will have to hide his golden head now that the man who wore the old fashioned flower into popularity has been imprisoned for a most loathsome crime.

-The Salem, Mass., Methodist minister, who so audaciously accused President CLEVELAND of intemperance, has brought down on himself a rebuke of a distinctly "Violet" hue.

-Pittsburg has had a dog show this week. The Smoky city would be nothing if not in style, even if it has to be six weeks behind New York, when it is only thirteen hours away by rail.

-Sunday will be Easter, sure enough, and how many good men there are who will "go wrong" when they see what has become of the pennies they so sacredly concealed from the plumber and coal man.

-The Philadelphia Press accuses Jersey City Democrats of getting ready to vote dead men at the next election, to which few will object, when it is seen how badly Democrats are needed everywhere.

-The editor of the Philadelphia Press talked to the Pennsylvania Legislature on Tuesday evening on "sound money." It was a work of supererogation to tell those Harrisburg salary grabbers any thing about sound money.

-On Monday the trout season begins, but there will not be half as many speckled beauties lying in the baskets of homeward bound fishermen as there will be on the lying tongues of the annual fish ANNATIAS.

-Illinois has practically declared for the free coinage of silver and in the West Democrats and Republicans alike will unite on a platform that will have for its object the continued coinage of silver on a 16 to 1 basis.

-To-day is the anniversary of THOMAS JEFFERSON'S birth. It has been a long time since the death of the author of the declaration of independence, but, thank God, this is one case where a man's work has lived after him.

-The zoo in Schenley park, Pittsburg, boasts a bear cub named "DAVE MARTIN." The avian ought to have a vampire named "CHARLEY PORTER" then MAGEE'S town could command the respect of Philadelphians at least.

-WILLIAM RAMBO, a Philadelphian, saved his life by jumping from a railroad bridge on Sunday afternoon before an approaching engine had run him down. There is no doubt that he was one of that kind of rambos that prefers sticking to his limbs to being ground into cider.

-Ex-president HARRISON has decided that he will be a candidate for President in '96 if the Republicans thrust the honor upon him, but there is every indication that MCKINLEY and REED have made up their minds to keep between BEN and the convention that he expects to do the thrusting.

-Yesterday was the first of the two spring Arbor days and it is a great pity that the celebrated English actor, who is such a fad in Boston just now, was not kept in Philadelphia until today at least. Then he might have been induced to plant a little BEEBORM TREES which Philadelphia could have claimed as its own when it grew up.

-The Standard oil company's monopoly is supreme at last. The price of oil has been steadily advancing until it has reached an increase of 25cts on the barrel in a single week. All this is due to the signing of the MARSHALL pipe line bill by the Governor. The poor people elected him and now they are burning dearer oil while they figure out how much they are paying for it.

-Col. McCURE and his paper, the Philadelphia Times, seem to be getting the blues over the condition Democracy finds herself in just now. But what particular reasons the veteran editor has for thinking of the prospect as he apparently does are not made clear in his editorial, "Is it chaos or death?" There is no doubt that the party is in bad shape, but there is nothing whatever to indicate that it intends either dying or disintegrating. There is entirely too much phosphate in the spinal column of Democracy for that.

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The World Growing Better.

The summary manner with which English justice has meted punishment to OSCAR WILDE, who has been guilty of a most heinous crime against humanity, sends a thrill of pleasure through every pure minded being. The fact of his being a self-constituted leader of a new sect in literary writings, which finds profit in books, in which veiled immoralities excite the passions of unwitting readers, gives rise to the hope that public opinion will speedily concur with the law in condemnation of purient writings and their authors. The WILDE case has been so revolting in its revelations that the WATCHMAN has deemed its course, in publishing none of its details, to be that of right, but the moral to be learned from it is important to the better life of the whole universe.

OSCAR WILDE, an English estheticist, a brilliant man too, fondled and pampered by society everywhere, turned his talents to works in which suggestiveness of indecency has resulted in arousing vulgarities to an accursed cupidity for immorality everywhere. To his school of writing can be directly charged the recent inordinate demand for debased art in painting, sculpture and on the stage. As well as having set an example which less cunning writers have followed by flooding the world with a class of purient writings calculated to do irreparable wrong. His career has been ended, however, and while his statement: "I very rarely write what I believe to be true," was doubtless made to clear himself of the storm of public indignation he saw lowering over him, the revelation that he practiced even more revolting crimes than his audacious ingenuity ever dared conceal in any of his works, has carried the conviction that his is a dangerous and debased mind. His sure imprisonment for a long period, and possibly for life, is undeniably a good omen for the betterment of mankind.

The Importance of Arbor Day.

The proclamation of Governor HARRIS fixing April 11th and 16th as the spring Arbor days should be viewed with far more than passing notice by the people of Pennsylvania. The thought that little importance attaches to the setting aside of certain days during the year on which all should plant a tree should be dispelled at once. The sooner the better. The devastated forests of our State, the declining lumber interests, the recent frequent periods of drought and sudden floods, the increasing destructiveness of wind storms, the steady advance in the price of lumber and the scarcity of game all tell in their own particular way of the changes the woodsman's ax has brought about.

Those who look upon a proper observance of Arbor day as a silly sentimentality, that will never have a material result, will live to see the time when they will fall in with the rest, if from no other motive than that of self preservation. It is idle to deny that Pennsylvania is already suffering from the gradual depletion of her vast wooded domain and while it would be just as idle to suggest that her virgin forests can be restored, yet a general co-operation in the observance of Arbor day would bring about a result that can be reached in no other way.

BEN SPANGLER, the Cumberland county Legislator who made himself conspicuous by a most uncalled for attack on the Catholics in his harangue in defense of the religious garb bill, has just been shown up in a fine light by PATRICK MADDON, of Carlisle. The two men were enlisted in the same company during the war and the latter has produced evidence to show that SPANGLER deserted after forty-three days of service—before he saw a battle or had turned his hand in defense of his country. Notwithstanding such disgraceful action he is now drawing a pension of \$16 a month. His loud mouthed utterance in the halls of the state Legislature would have been better choked off had they not been the means of showing up the real character of this would-be patriot. It would have been in far better taste had he procured the flag he deserted at Antietam and flaunted it before his fellow law-makers, instead of using one of no such historical significance.

Spanish Oppression in Cuba.

The chronic state of rebellion that exists in Cuba is evidence that there is cause for dissatisfaction with the Spanish government of the island. No doubt can be entertained as to the mierule and oppression that prevails there, a condition that cannot be otherwise than offensive to the people of the United States who naturally sympathize with an American population that are oppressively governed by a foreign nation. Every citizen of this country possessed of the true American spirit must share the feelings expressed by ex-Secretary WHITNEY in his declaration that it makes his blood boil when he thinks how that fair island, a neighbor of this free country, is kept under the heel of Spanish tyrants for no other purpose than to be made the victim of their rapacity.

There have been many unsuccessful uprisings of Cuban patriots against this oppression, but it cannot be possible that they will not eventually succeed. Their foreign rulers resort to brutal methods of holding them in subjection, Cuban soil having frequently been stained with the blood of her patriotic sons dragged to execution. The people of the United States will not much longer remain indifferent spectators of such proceedings, particularly when there is superadded the arrogant Spanish claim to the right of firing upon and overhauling American vessels which they may choose to suspect of intending to aid the Cuban patriots.

American forbearance with Spain's conduct in regard to Cuba has been strained to the utmost. It may soon give way and the fairest of the Antilles be rescued from the rapacious and oppressive rule of the Spaniard.

The Income Tax to Stand.

The long waited for decision of the supreme court on the constitutionality of the income tax was handed down on Monday and though certain flaws were pointed out as untenable in it, the bill, as a whole, will stand.

The court has ruled that tax on incomes from rents and lands is a direct tax and therefore is in conflict with the constitution. Also that it is unconstitutional so far as it relates to incomes from state, county or municipal bonds.

While these two clauses will have to be eliminated the law, as a whole, will stand since the court is evenly divided on the question of its constitutionality in its entirety. While the revenues of the government will be considerably reduced by this ruling and some inconvenience will no doubt be experienced in adjusting expenditures that were authorized before any question as to the legality of the law came up, yet no serious results need be apprehended.

The law, as it will stand, will bring in large revenues mainly from the surplus wealth of the country and in that feature a source of income will have been found that has heretofore been exempt from taxation, necessarily putting an additional burden upon the poorer classes.

Under the effects of free wool American manufacturers are invading the markets of England. The recent big sale of New England woollens in Bradford, one of the chief centres of the English woolen manufacture, is a most striking evidence of the good effect of a tariff that furnishes our manufacturers with free raw materials. With the MCKINLEY regulations the great cry was that English competitors must be kept out of our market by high duties. But with lower duties and untariffed material the Americans are enabled to go among the English and undersell them.

MR ANDREW CARNEGIE, the great iron and steel manufacturer, is drawing upon himself the abuse of the high tariff organs by declaring his opposition to a continuance of tariff agitation. Mr. CARNEGIE sees that his business is actually improved by the WILSON tariff, and believes that it would be set back by a revival of MCKINLEYISM. Hence he is opposed to a reopening of that question. This is exciting the anger of the organs which are interested in a tariff only for the politics that is in it.

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Delusive Labor Laws.

Disinclination to pass laws for the benefit of the working people is a characteristic of Republican legislation. This has been shown in the action of the Pennsylvania Legislature, which cannot be induced to do anything for the protection of the labor interest, while legislation demanded by corporations and capitalistic interests is promptly and eagerly attended to.

A similar disposition has been displayed by the Republican Legislature of New Jersey. After a great pressure had been brought to bear upon that body for the passage of a bill for the suppression of company stores and the enforcement of semi-monthly payment of wages, a measure was at last reluctantly enacted, requiring wages to be paid semi-monthly in money, and making pluck-me stores an unlawful adjunct to industrial operations. The bill was provided with the necessary penalties to make it apparently effective. But its purpose is found to be defeated by a proviso that this law shall not apply to cases in which an agreement had been made, or shall hereafter be made, between employers or their workmen as to the manner of paying wages.

It is easy to see how, under this law, the workmen can be made to understand that if they do not enter into an agreement to take store goods in payment of their wages they will get no employment. This law is another instance of the way in which Republican legislation deludes the labor interest with a pretense of protection, while it is capital and the employers that are protected.

Farmers Condemn the State Law-makers.

It is presumable that a majority of Chester county farmers are Republicans, and therefore when a body of them express themselves on a public subject it may be regarded as being largely a Republican expression. At a recent meeting of the farmers of south Chester county, composing the Londongrove Grange, they gave vent to the following expression in regard to the state Legislature:

"Resolved. That we are unalterably opposed to the Snyder Meat Inspection bill, the Judiciary Apportionment bill and the enactment of other laws that are adding thousands of dollars to our taxes. Instead of removing the cause of so much misery and crime and litigation, enormous unnecessary expenses are being piled up; the Legislators seem to be working simply for their own self-aggrandizement."

This arraignment of the worthless body that is making an abuse of the lawmaking power at Harrisburg, is as truthful as it is severe, and what adds to its force is that it comes in a great measure from men who helped to swell the vast majority which has been constructed by this Legislature as a license to indulge in profligate legislation. Those Chester county farmers should take upon themselves some of the blame for a political condition in this State which encourages "the enactment of laws that are adding thousands of dollars to our taxes."

To JOHN JARRETT was assigned the role of guardian of the tin plate industry under the MCKINLEY tariff, and he did his best to work up figures that would show how that tariff had developed the manufacture of tin in this country. His figures, however, showed a rather meager development. But he has made a statement of the tinplate business since the WILSON tariff went into operation, and it shows that although the duties have been greatly reduced, new tin factories are starting and old ones are being enlarged. This is the way the Democrat, in tariff is destroying the industries. By the way, what has become of the calamity howl?

"It is a long lane that has no turn" expresses the business condition of our country for two years past with such a cnicity that we use it. "Turn" is the word most people are interested in just now and the business wagon, after rattling tortuously for a long time has at last reached the turn and is now on a smoother road to prosperity.

The Treasury Department estimates that the supreme court ruling on the income tax will knock it out of \$13,000,000 annually.

Mr. Cleveland, His Accuser, and His Defenders.

From the New York Sun.

The President has thought it proper to deny, in the most public manner possible, the charge of habitual inebriety which was brought against him at Salem last Thursday evening by the Rev. Dr. Lansing. Some of our esteemed contemporaries express the opinion that Mr. Cleveland's published statement was both unnecessary and indiscreet. They seem to perceive a lack of dignity in the prompt, indignant reply which the President has made to the scandalous assertions of the New England clergyman. We do not concur in that opinion. The President of the United States has the same right as any private citizen to protect his personal reputation against attacks from any source whatsoever; and in such cases he is the sole judge of the propriety of a public denial, and of the best method to publish the denial. It seems to us that the standing of the President's accuser, the admitted sincerity of his purpose as a friend of temperance, and the specific character of his extraordinary allegations before the New England Methodist Conference, all required that Mr. Cleveland should say something on the subject, and say it in plain and vigorous language.

The President's statement is broad and positive enough in its terms to cover every particular instance of intoxication alleged by the Rev. Dr. Lansing. One and all, the charges of the clergyman are denounced by Mr. Cleveland as "wholesale lies and calumnies, not less stupid than they are cruel and wicked." This sweeping and conclusive denial refers not only to the alleged occurrence at the time of the great naval parade, and to the banquet at which, according to Dr. Lansing, Mr. Cleveland was "brilliantly drunk at 10 o'clock, at 12 considerably more so, and at 3 o'clock in the morning very drunk," but also to the other occasions mentioned by the clergyman as offering proof of the President's frequent departure from the restraints of perfect self-control and the limits of sobriety. We call the denial conclusive, because it ought to dispose of the scandal finally and absolutely. Dr. Lansing's charges are based on information which he says he has received from others. It is hearsay testimony, while Mr. Cleveland's statement rests on personal knowledge.

It is gratifying to add that without distinction of party distinguished citizens who had an opportunity to observe Mr. Cleveland's behavior at all three of the public dinners occurring before his election and his inauguration, are coming forward to testify voluntarily to the truth of the President's statement. At the Chamber of Commerce dinner on Nov. 15, 1892, Dr. Chauncey M. Depew sat near Mr. Cleveland. "I can say," reports Dr. Depew "that he was absolutely sober and in full command of his faculties." At the Reform Club on Dec. 10, 1892, the Hon. Frederic R. Coudert sat next, or almost next to the President. "From first to last," says Mr. Coudert, "he conducted himself as a gentleman, and in a manner befitting his high office. To say that he was worse for drink is to utter a falsehood." Mr. E. Ellery Anderson was one of the guests at the dinner given by Mr. Villard on Nov. 17, 1892. His testimony is similar to that of Dr. Depew and Mr. Coudert: "He conducted himself in a way, if possible to increase the admiration and respect of his fellow men. We all felt proud of our President. He was, as always, a gentleman."

It is only fair and right that the square denial of Mr. Cleveland and the corroborative evidence of such universally respected witnesses as Dr. Depew, Mr. Coudert, and Mr. Anderson should have the same wide publicity which the sensational and deplorable remarks of the Rev. Dr. Lansing have already received.

Better Times Ahead.

The prognostications are now, as they have been for a few weeks past, that we are entering upon a season of business prosperity. We see indications of it in more ways than one. Noticeable among them all is the greater activity in railroad operations than has been witnessed for many months past. In his annual report President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania lines, gave an indication of the hope which he felt for the prosperity of the immediate future. His views seem to be shared by other great railway corporations in the country and, in consequence, instead of the policy of retrenchment which has prevailed, one of renewed extension of railroad interests is taking its place.

A better condition of railroad business means a better state of affairs in other industries. The managers of these great lines of transportation are good judges of the situation and their opinion as to the revival of trade can be accepted as correct. Their policy of retrenchment, which was assumed a year and more ago, was wisely followed and now that they have again begun improvements it shows that the period of business depression is passing away. It will be with us in a modified form a little while longer and then it will be but a recollection.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-All tramps found in Franklin will be put to work.

-There is a great epidemic of grip at Kutztown, Berks county.

-The slate operators of Bangor and vicinity were never so busy.

-Heavy rains in Eastern Pennsylvania are of great benefit to grain and grass.

-Pinegrove, Schuylkill county, will have a new shirt factory, employing 100 hands.

-While removing bread from the oven, Mrs. Peter McElbenny, of Pittston, was fatally burned.

-The citizens of Westmoreland county met yesterday to protest against the new county scheme.

-Murderer Garret broke up the Sunday services in the Lebanon jail, where he is shortly to be hanged.

-Lebanon's health officer uses a green flag as a scarlet fever sign, and the sons of Erin are indignant.

-A local union of the United Mine Workers of America will be organized at Pottsville next Monday.

-With a pair of scissors Hoffman Myers, of Saltsburg, severed his jugular vein dying in a few minutes.

-In the presence of his wife and children Adam Schuedde blew his brains out, at his home, near Pittsburg.

-Moses Arnold, a farmer residing near Lebanon, had his legs badly mangled in a fodder cutting machine.

-Luzerne county's grand jury favors the building of a new court house on the site of the present building.

-A razor was found hidden in the necktie of murderer Charles Garrett by the jail authorities at Lebanon.

-Hazelton advocates the Quay county bill will continue their efforts until the measure passes finally.

-Brakeman William Prentissleaf, of Sunbury, was fatally injured in the Pennsylvania Railroad yard at Harrisburg.

-The employees of the W. J. Raimy Cokes Works at Uniontown, have received an advance and returned to work.

-The State Editorial Association will try to increase its membership at a meeting to be held at Harrisburg April 23.

-The annual convention of the State Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held at Reading beginning August 2.

-The Reading Board of Trade adopted resolutions recently commending Auditor General Gregg's administration.

-While cooking supper Miss Edith Longbaugh, of Huntingdon, was burned to death by the upsetting of a pan of lard.

-William K. Stephens, chairman of the Republican county committee of Berks, has been nominated for city solicitor of Reading.

-B. G. Ohmit, who was engaged in the loan and collection business in Lebanon, has disappeared with money belonging to others.

-Several Pottstown land owners will experiment on a new form of charity by loaning land for truck farming to poor people.

-Thinking an electric car would stop at a street crossing, John Roberts of Pittsburg, started to cross in front of it and was killed.

-An interstate fair for the colored people of West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania will be held at Conococheague Md., in September.

-Carpenters, blacksmiths and other mechanics in the Connettsville coke region want their wages raised along with the coke workers.

-The body of John O'Donnell, who disappeared from his home at Ebersvale, last Tuesday, has been found in the woods a short distance from his home.

-Because they created a disturbance at a class entertainment six members of Harrisburg's High School graduating class will be refused diplomas.

-On the ground that one of the jurymen who convicted him of murder in the first degree was prejudiced, 16-year-old Frank Morris has asked for a new trial at Uniontown.

-George Keesee was arrested in Reading on Saturday night charged with embezzling \$500 of the funds of St. James' Episcopal church, of which he was the treasurer.

-Roversford people crowded the river banks Sunday to watch the emersion in the Schuylkill river of three men who were converts of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

-The Right Rev. Mark Anthony DeWolfe Howe, Bishop of the Central Diocese of Pennsylvania of the Episcopal Church, is celebrating his 57th birthday at Reading.

-Captain James Wiley has given \$5000 to St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, as an endowment fund in memory of his wife, to be known as the Annie Lewis Wiley Endowment Fund.

-Oscar Frantz, a Lehigh valley brakeman, was decapitated by falling under freight cars near the Union Depot, Bethlehem, Friday, in the presence of several hundred spectators.

-Philip Stockhouse, a thirteen-year-old boy, of Stroudsburg, was handling a revolver yesterday. It was accidentally discharged and the ball entered his right leg above the knee.

-Lucy M. Kelley, a 15-year-old Pottsville girl, was yesterday awarded \$2,500 damages for injuries sustained May, 1894, by being thrown from an electric car of the Schuylkill Traction Company.

-Mayor John B. Hinkson, of Chester, has ordered all the electrical slot machines along the streets of the city to be removed. The owner refuses to remove them and threatens suit for damages if they are interfered with.

-Professor J. I. Elwell, who is connected with the Pennsylvania Institution for the Training of the Deaf and Dumb, has purchased five acres of ground in East Stroudsburg, with the intention, it is supposed, of erecting an institution for the unfortunate.

-A big land slide occurred at Conewago out, just west of the Conewago Station on the Mount Joy Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The high embankment on the south side became soft and weak from heavy rains, and caved in, fifty tons of earth and rock covered the track. The obstruction was discovered before any passenger trains were due.