

—AL DALE made the HASTINGS people hustle it he did succeed in nothing else.

—Roasting ears will soon be here and humanity will descend to the diet of the swine.

—So the Republicans would like to elect HENRY QUIGLEY. Well, HENRY is a nice boy, but he won't do for District Attorney of Centre county.

—The girl who did penance for sins by filling her legs with needles must have been laboring under a hallucination of there being need for pin cushions in heaven.

—It took Philadelphia police a long time to find out that HOLMES is an "arch-fiend" but now that they know it they are blaming him for all the murders they have been unable to account for in years.

—Trolley parties seem to be all the rage wherever trolley lines are in operation. Unfortunately, however, they are of two kinds. One at which there is merriment and fun for all; the other a sad procession with the victim at its head.

—The head of the Cuban rebellion is beginning to be seen again among the columns of Republican factional fights that appear daily in the papers. For once the insurgents have been victorious and of course are dead sure of victory right off.

—J. L. BAILEY, a Clinton county Commissioner, has announced to the world, through the columns of the Lock Haven Democrat, that he took a bath in the river Jordan. Some people are foolish enough to do such things whether they need it or not.

—AL DALE and JIM ISRAEL, the Pittsburg Dispatch staff correspondent, who were both helping QUAY interests here at the Republican primaries, felt so bad on Sunday that they went off to the Cave, and there found a hole large enough for them both to crawl into.

—The good people of the United States will have very little concern whether the new yacht "Defender" outsails the British "Valkyrie III" now or not. There was no necessity for sailing the craft a trial trip on Sunday and it would be a lesson never to be forgotten if she should be beaten in the coming race for the America's cup.

—Since Attorney General McCORMICK has decided that the compulsory education law need not go into effect until next spring there has been a decrease in the valuation of fast Republican legs. "Kid-catchers" will not be in demand until then and the fellows who have been in training for the new offices can put their speed to some other use between now and then.

—The fight goes on and with every whack the one faction gives the other Democratic prospects take a step forward. It is to be hoped that there will not be any foolishness in our party that will tend to lose the vantage ground we have gained. If the Democrats improve the opportunity that the QUAY-Combine fight is affording them seven Appellate Court judges will more than likely be the reward.

—The great silver debate between Senator HOAR and HARVEY, the "Coin's Financial School" author, is now going on in Chicago. They are to talk three hours each day for a period of ten days. The former advocates the use of both gold and silver, maintained at a parity, while the latter insists on the efficacy of free silver coinage at the rate of 16 to 1. There was no stipulation in the agreement before they began about who is to pay the funeral expenses of the victims of the debate.

—Messrs. DEININGER and HOOVER, who were so coolly turned down by the Republican county convention here, on Tuesday, have enough good hard sense to realize that only one man could win in such a fight, but it will be some time before they are able to comprehend the significance of every ward in Bellefonte instructing for HOOVER. Neither one of the gentlemen made a fight here, thinking, of course, the delegates would be divided but such an arrangement was not conducive to the plans of the HASTINGS people and they put Bellefonte where they thought it would do the most good for them.

—"Combine" missionary W. I. FLEMING didn't like it because we said, in our last issue, he had been working with "little success." When trying to set us right in the matter he swelled himself up like a toad and said: "Why in the eleven precincts I visited there were only five QUAY votes polled." We would have given him credit for having done something worth puffing himself about had the next breath not uttered the explanation of it all. He didn't seem to comprehend how he was snuffing his own light when he announced that he hadn't "even found any one who said he would be for QUAY."

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## The Republican Ruction.

The fight between the Republican factions furnishes one of the most remarkable and interesting spectacles ever presented in the political arena of this State.

It is an unexpected sequel to the unparalleled victory of last year. A thunder storm appearing where a cloud wasn't to be seen half an hour before, could not be more astonishing. The astonishment, however, is confined to those who are unacquainted with the causes that bring on such storms. The one that is sweeping through the Republican camp in Pennsylvania is caused by the ambition of opposite bosses to run the party machine.

There is no other cause for it. Not a particle of principle is involved in this contest. Anything like regard for the public interest has as little to do with it as concern for their soul's salvation has to do with the movements of machine politicians.

The disturbance is nothing but a factional fight, with all the low motives, tricky intrigues, dirty expedients and mercenary objects that are naturally and necessarily involved in such a conflict.

There is no doubt that this fight has split the party in two. Which will be the bigger half of the divided organization will be seen when the two factions have their round up in the State Convention on the 28th of August.

All the bitterness of factional animosity is displayed in the contention. HASTINGS has his headquarters in Philadelphia, from which the fight is being conducted in systematic style. The machinery of a regular campaign has been put to work. Anti-QUAY literature is being circulated and agents of the State administration are operating in every county, making as hot a fight against the other faction as if they were engaged in a contest with the Democrats.

The Governor himself takes a hand in the unseemly disturbance, letting himself down from his high position to become the leader of the less reputable of two warring factions.

QUAY is not behind HASTINGS in putting his forces in battle array. The old Boss is on the warpath, and if his Republican enemies don't lose their scalps, and DAN'S isn't dangling at his belt by the time the fight is over, it won't be his fault.

He also has his headquarters, his corps of workers, his organs, his campaign literature, and the necessary boodle, which is said to be furnished by CAMERON. He is making as lively a fight as if he was grappling with Democrats instead of with enemies in his own party.

He suffers, however, some disadvantage from the fact that HASTINGS is prostituting his administration for the purpose of carrying his ends, using his appointing power as a factor in the contest, and employing his force of official under-strappers as factional instruments. For this reason QUAY seems to have most of the active politicians against him, but there is scarcely a doubt that a majority of the rank and file of the party are in his favor, preferring to wear his collar, which they have become accustomed to, rather than to put on a new one with DANIEL H. HASTINGS' name on it.

That the Republican party of the State is going to be greatly damaged by this factional ruction cannot be doubted. That the State will be the gainer by it is a matter of just as little doubt.

The fact is that the Republican domination in Pennsylvania has become so utterly corrupt, so thoroughly rotten, so unseparably disreputable, so disgraceful to the good name of the State, and so injurious to its material and moral interests, that it cannot possibly continue much longer, and no other end could be more fitting for it than that it should wind up with a fight among its leaders.

—After this when members of the Grand Army of the Republic come belly-aching around about Democrats not giving all the offices to old soldiers, ask them how it came that every mother's son of that organization here in Bellefonte, voted to endorse Gov. HASTINGS who vetoed the bill giving to the veterans of the war the preference of appointment to positions at Harrisburg.

## Tidal Waves in Politics.

Political tidal waves do not appear to be confined to American politics, nor does Pennsylvania furnish the only conspicuous examples of them. They are having one of unusual sweeping capacity in the English Parliamentary elections now in progress, and the Liberal party in Great Britain, like the Democratic party in the United States, particularly in Pennsylvania, have learned how it feels to be swept off their feet by the overwhelming force of a tidal wave.

Nevertheless, those two parties the one in the old world and the other in the new, are the true representatives of constitutional liberty and political progress, notwithstanding occasional mishaps of such dimensions.

The defeat of the English Liberals appears to be of a real Waterloo character, but a good deal of the disaster may be attributed to their own fault. If they had taken hold of the home rule question in earnest, and had not potted with other issues, which affected the rights of the common people, they would no doubt have been able to maintain their Parliamentary majority. But their leaders became weak-kneed and vacillating at the time when they should have been bold and aggressive, and in this way lost the popular confidence.

Their case bears a strong resemblance to that of the Democrats of the United States in respect to the tariff question. The shirking of the full performance of a duty imposed by great constituencies, in both instances, resulted in giving the popular tide an opposite flow.

But in the case of the American Democrats it can be said that if tariff reform was not carried out to the extent demanded by the expression of the elections in 1890 and 1892, it was due to the peculiar situation in the Senate which enabled a handful of misguided Democrats to defeat the will of the party and disappoint the expectations of the people. Nevertheless, the people held the great Democratic organization responsible for the misdeeds of the few the same as the English people charge the Liberal party with the short comings of its ministerial representatives, and tidal waves were the results in both cases.

The tidal wave in Great Britain will probably have as demoralizing an effect upon the victors as a similar sweep has had upon the Pennsylvania Republicans. They may get to fighting among themselves. It is scarcely possible that the heads of SALISBURY, BALFOUR and CHAMBERLAIN will be swelled to the extent of the big-headedness displayed by HASTINGS, MAGEE and DAVE MARTIN, but the over confidence and arrogance inspired by their sweeping majority may induce them to commit rash and imprudent acts that will cause the English electors to turn them out of office by as big a majority as the one by which they were turned in.

Such an effect produced by the Republican tidal wave in Pennsylvania would not be surprising. In fact it can be looked for with a considerable degree of confidence by those who have reason to hope for it.

## Are They Pulling His Political Leg?

Representative AMES, of Clearfield, is whispering it around as a public secret, that in return for his efforts for the State Administration ring, he is to be made the next disbursing clerk of the House of Representatives, at Washington, the position now filled by Mr. FRANK SNYDER. He doesn't say who is to give it to him nor does he explain how he is to succeed without the backing of his Congressman. The newspapers report that Mr. ARNOLD, who will represent the district and control its patronage in Congress, is for QUAY. It is scarcely probably that he will select for the best place he can get one who is opposing his wishes or is making himself obnoxious to his friends, nor is it likely that Congress will set ARNOLD aside and give the patronage of his district to his political enemies. Evidently there is some one mixed badly in this matter, and appearances show every sign that Mr. AMES is having his political leg pulled to a considerable extent.

—Read the WATCHMAN.

## A "Slick" and a Dirty Trick.

It shouldn't require much independence or manhood on the part of the Republican majority down at Milesburg to create a revolt against the methods of the Bellefonte ring that would teach the bosses in this place a lesson that would be remembered. When the QUAY and HASTINGS war broke out in this county, a few weeks ago, it was discovered that JOHN CONFER, the member of the Republican county committee for Milesburg was a QUAY supporter. This did not suit the bosses and every influence possible was brought to bear to have him change his views, but to no effect. On Tuesday of last week he was notified by Chairman GRAY that he would no longer be recognized as the committeeman and that THOMPSON BOGGS, an out-and-out HASTINGS' worker, had been selected to take his place. This did not seem to worry CONFER much, but on Saturday evening when the delegate elections were to be held, his friends, who were QUAY backers, rallied to the polls in such numbers that the new committeeman, who had been appointed to carry the district for HASTINGS, saw there was no chance for the success of his candidate, and to prevent the majority from selecting and instructing the delegates, peremptorily refused to open the polls or to hold an election. This of course left the Milesburg Republicans—the strongest Republican district in the county in proportion to its vote—without a voice in the county convention. It practically disfranchised every Republican voter in that district and prevented them having any part in naming a ticket that they will all be expected to support. It was a trick the success of which the Bellefonte ring is highly elated over and one which if perpetrated upon the colored voters of any election district in the South would have raised a howl from the Republican press that would have been heard all over the country.

What Milesburg Republicans will do about it we don't know. We do know, however, that the little cabal of young lawyers in this place, who are running the Republican politics of the county, are laughing in their sleeves at how "slick" they "done up" the QUAY people down there.

## A Starting Point.

If the Governor's friends are as anxious as they pretend to be to ascertain and prove who furnished and who was handling the money they allege was sent to this county in the interest of QUAY there is an easy way to get on the track of it. Mr. BENNER WAY, of Benner township, has publicly boasted that he was offered \$25 for his influence and work in his district for the BEAVER boes. Here is a starting point. Mr. WAY is a friend of the Governor's and certainly would not hesitate to expose the individual who was trying to bribe men to defeat "Centre county's favorite." Who was it that offered the money? Mr. WAY can tell. When this is ascertained it will be but little trouble to show from whence the money came. To uncover and expose those who are charged with attempting to debauch the Republican voters of the county is a duty the Governor and his friend owe to the party, if such an attempt was made. If no such effort was made, it is a dirty and cowardly piece of business to try to cover up other weaknesses by casting a suspicion upon the integrity and honesty of men who refused to vote contrary to their convictions. The Governor's friends have made the charge. They owe it to themselves, as well as to the Governor's standing at home, to prove it. We have given them a starting point. Can they make their assertions good?

—Boss MAGEE, speaking of McKINLEY as a candidate for President, is certainly not justified in saying that "the people of Pennsylvania seem to want him." There is no present evidence that any large number of Pennsylvanians are anxious to vote for the Napoleon of calamity. The business situation has greatly changed since last year, when HASTINGS and his corps of waiters were going through the State making the people believe their living depended upon the McKINLEY tariff. That fallacy has been disproved by the revival of business under a Democratic tariff policy.

## The Point Where Our Good Sense Comes In.

From the Pittsburg Post.  
A marked difference between the American electors and the English, as well as those of the continent, is that in this country results are almost uniformly received by the defeated party with good humor and acquiescence. That is the American way. We all fight pretty hard until the polls close, when the feeling of good fellowship comes back. In England we read that at Newcastle the supporters of John Morley, the defeated Liberal candidate, "paraded the street and stoned the windows and houses of prominent Unionist and Conservative newspapers." They also attacked persons wearing Unionist badges. The mounted police were compelled to patrol the town to hold the rioters in check. Morley, ex-secretary of Ireland, is a great favorite with the Liberals and home rulers, and was defeated by the trick of running an independent labor candidate against him, thus splitting the Liberal vote and giving the Tories an advantage; and the Tories are supposed to have kept the labor candidate in the field in different parts of England for this purpose, and by a large expenditure of money. That is an American idea.

## Why Democrats Favor Quay.

From the Clarion Democrat.  
Some of the Republican organs claim that the Democratic newspapers of the State are faring Quay's cause in preference to that of HASTINGS. This is probably true, and there is a good reason for it. Small as is the confidence the Democrats have in Quay, they are yet more suspicious of the Governor and the corrupt gang with which he has chosen to associate himself. It will be a sad day for the State if it gets into the control of such desperate corruptionists as Dave Martin, Chris Magee and their crowd. As an evidence of this may be cited the vicious legislation of the last session of which Magee and Martin exercised a controlling influence. Many of the Democrats, recognizing the calamity of such control in state affairs are simply desirous of helping to prevent it by choosing the lesser of two evils.

## Let Them Be Boycotted, We Won't Do It.

From the Williamsport Sun.  
Master Workman Sovereign wants the labor and reform organizations of the country to boycott national bank notes. How this is to be done is not clearly stated. Workingmen are generally glad enough to get money in any shape, and have shown no disposition to refuse national bank notes in exchange for their labor. But Master Workman Sovereign will probably promulgate in detail his plan of campaign, and until he does so there is not much danger of anybody refusing to accept national bank notes as readily as other "coin of the realm" in payment for labor and other services.

## Politics Makes Strange Bed Fellows.

From the Grand Forks, N. D. News.  
There is the hottest kind of a battle on in the old Keystone State between Senator QUAY, our farmer Stokes' old friend, and "Daniel Hastings the pondilly of the Salona slanders—who being Governor, wants to run the Keystone Republicans. Hastings had the best of it at the start but Quay was not built in a day and the end is not yet. A singular feature of the fight is that all the Democrats are howling for Quay, the man they denounced only a few years ago.

## Discrediting the Grand Army.

From the Columbia Independent.  
Boss Gilkeson served just eleven days in the Pennsylvania militia, and we are surprised to learn that he is a member of the Grand Army, in good standing, in Bristol, Bucks county. That Post must want members awfully awful bad. To take in that kind of soldiers only serves to discredit the G. A. R.

## He Sees Different Things When at Washington, No Doubt.

From the Lebanon Star.  
Senator Dubois, of Idaho, talks silver all the time when at home, according to the Washington papers, he tells snake stories when at the National Capital.

## A Clear Straddle.

From the Chester County Democrat.  
The Kentucky Democrats were bound to get on the right side of the currency question, so they got on both sides of it, to make it a sure thing.

—The discrimination made in New York between different classes of drinkers in enforcing the Sunday law is objectionable, yet the World is not successful in its argument that the cause of good government in that or any other city or town is set back by closing the saloons on Sunday.

—Sistersville, W. Va., now claims the world's largest gas well and McKINLEY's birth place will have to take a back seat.

## Spawls from the Keystone

—A moral crusade is on at Shenandoah. —Street fakirs have been driven out of Reading.

—At Wilkesbarre the mercury touched 110 on Saturday. —Berks county preachers have organized for mutual benefit.

—The cigar industry in York and Lancaster counties is very lively. —A rush of coal in a Pottsville mine crushed lifeless William Mabel.

—The Citizens' National Bank of Ashland will erect a new building. —Little Clyde Yeonash was drowned near Lancaster Sunday while bathing.

—Miss Mabel White, who went driving at Bradford a week ago, is still missing. —A union of furmen is forming at Sharon that will embrace 1000 members.

—Jumping from a coal train at Pottstown, James Pierson was dangerously injured. —Oats poisoned with arsenic, have killed a number of mine mules at Shenandoah.

—The business at the Pottsville Post Office has increased so that extra clerks are employed. —A trolley car at Braddock ran over and killed Goldman McDonough in front of his own door.

—Edward Nangle, residing at Reading, is 97 years old and has regularly smoked since he was a boy. —Two shell game sharps captured \$200 in a few hours from Richard Colliery employees at Shamokin.

—By an explosion of gas in a Pittston mine, William O'Hara and his son John were seriously burned. —A partially-built house was blown down at Harrisburg Saturday injuring John Reed, a carpenter.

—Trackwalker James Morrison, after years of service at Altoona, was killed by a train Saturday night. —Tower City Council is opposing the entrance of the Williams Valley Street Railway into that borough.

—Five days' work this week is the program for the employees of all Philadelphia & Reading collieries. —Lycoming county will probably build a \$25,000 annex to its Court house to accommodate the Supreme Court.

—Brakeman W. McDougall, from Boston, Mass., was killed while coupling cars at Falls Creek, near Dubois. —While stealing a ride on a Lehigh Valley car at Yatesville, James Campbell was mangled to death in a wreck.

—A passenger and freight train, at East Smethport, collided, running full speed, but no one was severely injured. —Pittsburg district soft coal miners held a convention at the Smoky City, Monday to discuss the wage question.

—John Weismiller, of Palo Alto, was bitten several times on the hand by a copperhead snake, while huckleberrypicking. —Luzerne county coal men think the Philadelphia & Reading Company should be given the 21 per cent. output claimed.

—The Bethlehem Iron Company shipped five turret plates for the United States battleship Indiana to Philadelphia. —Failing to see an approaching train, a young son of Amos Hershey, of Gordonville, ran upon the track and was fatally hurt.

—On a charge of impersonating a Royersford Councilman to obtain money from E. T. Plush, Constable Emmanuel Essick was arrested. —While bathing in the Susquehanna River, near Mountville, on Sunday, Harvey, the young son of Rev. J. K. Newcomer, was drowned.

—Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, was the guest of honor Saturday night at the Lehigh Valley Writers' Club banquet, in Allentown. —John Glack, whose wife was killed by a Williamsport trolley car, has sued the city for \$15,000, as the accident was due to an obstruction in the street.

—On account of the large sales of these special articles on those days, Reading grocers call Monday soap day, Tuesday sugar day and Friday flour day. —Farmer Charles K. Miller, of Hamburg, has been arrested for the alleged appropriation of a \$500 check sent to him through mistake by Albert S. Seidel.

—Suit for \$15,000 damages has been brought against the Lehigh Traction Company by Miss Ida M. Lewis, of Zionsville, who was injured in a wreck. —Elmer States, of Punxsutawney, son of County Commissioner States of Jefferson county, committed suicide late Friday evening by shooting himself through the head. The young man was 25 years old and is supposed to have been slightly demented. Owing to trouble at home he lived by himself in a shanty near the town. It was in this shanty that the young man took his life. Before suiciding he made a will leaving all his personal effects and about \$400 in money to a young lady of that town. His funeral took place Sunday and was largely attended.

—Snake stories are now going the rounds. Here's another one. Several days ago on the farm of R. C. Quiggle and son, near Pine station, a rattlesnake and a groundhog were found, the reptile having its fangs inserted in the animal's side. The two had evidently had a combat with the result that the snake had overpowered the hog. The snake was killed by Jacob Smith, the farm hand, and a son of Mr. Quiggle. The groundhog was laid to one side, where it soon died. The snake was about four feet long and had four rattles, while the hog weighed between ten and fifteen pounds.

—Our readers may not be aware of the fact that at the last session of the legislature an amendment was passed to the marriage license law, which was signed by the governor June 18. The amendment makes a marriage license now good in any county in the state, instead of simply in the county of issue. The party performing the ceremony must make the return to the office that issued the license it would be well for clergymen and others authorized by law to perform marriages to make note of the above fact, as there is a heavy fine for a failure to properly report within thirty days all marriages performed. The act went into effect at once. In all other respects the law remains as it was.