

-Cholera is prevalent in Japan. We mention this as a warning to the "Hog-Combine."

-A man gets mad when he can't do as he pleases. A woman never recognizes such a condition.

-It has not been announced whether HENRY QUIGLEY will inaugurate a kiss the baby campaign or not.

-Populism is on the wane in Ohio, so 'tis said at Youngstown, where it is thought it will never wax again.

-It is a paradox to say that green soldiers would be the best in a time of war, since they could withstand firing longer than any others.

-There is said to have been a great drop in summer trousers during the past few days. What's the matter, haven't we enough suspenders in the land.

-If the QUAY-Combine fight keeps up the usual diet of crow for Pennsylvania Democrats will more than likely change to sausage when fall comes.

-There are nine thousand saloons in New York and only four thousand police, yet there are people who are silly enough to say the Metropolis goes clear dry on Sundays.

-The Bannocks are again proving the old saying, "the only good Indian is a dead Indian." 'Tis a pity that such extreme methods have to be resorted to to bring them into a peaceable frame of mind.

-It is not often that a working man will let go a goose when he once has his hands on it; yet that is exactly what twelve thousand tailors did in New York and Brooklyn when they struck on Saturday.

-The English custom of wearing the hat in the House of Commons like a custom, in some parts of this country, which prompts men to sit with their hats on in church, during the funeral service of relatives, is a relic that should be placed with some antiquarian exhibit.

-The Altoona Tribune thinks it "a little singular" that the leading Democratic newspapers in the State should be for QUAY. The Tribune had better think a little over its own position and, in thinking, explain to itself why it supports a "combine" of despoilers of the public.

-The talk about abolishing the seed division of the United States Department of Agriculture will necessarily carry consternation to the hearts of many Congressmen. If the seed-sending feature is done away with many of the Congressmen will be out of jobs entirely.

-Fire proof wood has been ordered in the construction of the new cruiser Brooklyn and the new battleship Iowa. It is made by forcing sulphate and phosphate of ammonia into wood by hydraulic pressure. This process is of late invention, but fire proof wood has been known to the public ever since the careless kitchen maid and the kerosene can came into existence.

-J. PIERPONT MORGAN, the chief of the syndicate which supplied the United States with gold for its recent issue of bonds, began a business life doing errands for the old New York banking firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co. From this he realized \$11,000,000 out of this deal it is not hard to believe that he has made a specialty of "doing."

-With DICK CROKER and HUGH GRANT both on their way home to take up Tammany's fight for rehabilitation of New York this fall Mr. ROOSEVELT and Dr. PARKHURST will have to shake up the good people of Gotham. The extremes to which these fanatics have run in New York makes it a debatable question as to whether Tammany's regime was not the better of the two. When it becomes impossible for a woman to be on her streets alone after seven o'clock p. m., then the great city savors that much of orientalism that we fear she has failed to comprehend that woman is abundantly able to take care of herself.

-This talk of a compromise between the administration and QUAY is about as nonsensical as anything could well be imagined. What is there to compromise on? The junior Senator wants only the state chairmanship. He has already stated that he has no objection to the Governor's being made chairman of the Republican convention, when it meets, and he has likewise denied the stories that he intends fighting the newly appointed Superior Court judges, who will be presented for regular nomination by the Governor at that time. But the state chairmanship—ah, there is the rub. Governor HASTINGS wants the place for his friend GILKESON and Mr. QUAY wants it for himself, so what can they compromise about? There is nothing but complete success or utter failure in a condition of this sort and talk of a compromise is ridiculous.

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Third Term Talk.

The sensational press is exercising its ingenuity in getting up rumors about an alleged scheme that is being laid to give President CLEVELAND a nomination for a third term, and are howling about a possible violation of the unwritten law that is involved in such a design.

That there is any foundation for such reports does not seem probable to practical politicians; but in connection with this subject it may be asked what harm would be done the country by an efficient and trustworthy President serving in that capacity for more than two terms?

There is certainly nothing in the constitution that prohibits it, and surely it is a matter fraught with danger to the liberty and welfare of the people the able and far-sighted statesmen who founded the Republic would have fixed the limit to the presidential incumbency in the fundamental law.

Washington's example appears to have set the rule. He retired at the end of his second term, and the American people have ever since been averse to giving any President a longer term than of his own will, sufficed the Father of his country.

But WASHINGTON'S retirement, after having served two terms, was not because the constitution, or any legal restriction prevented his holding the exalted position any longer, or because he believed that a further extension of his incumbency would be injurious to his country or detrimental to the liberty and interests of its citizens. The people would gladly have given him another term, but it may be believed that he declined to continue in the presidential office because he had grown weary of the weight of public cares and longed for the repose that private life would secure for him.

But is any one foolish enough to claim that if "four more years" for WASHINGTON had taken the place of JOHN ADAMS' arbitrary and tyrannical administration the country would have been the worse for it? Our opinion is that it would have been better for constitutional interests, and considerable political trouble would have been avoided.

To pursue this train of thought still further, would our free institutions have suffered and the country been damaged if MONROE'S "era of good feeling," embracing the period of two terms, had been so extended as to have eliminated the administration of JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, which came into power by the most questionable political methods that ever seated a President, with the exception of the fraudulent HAYES?

It may also be asked what injury would have been done the country if the four years that constituted VAN BUREN'S term had been tacked on to the eight years of glorious old ANDREW JACKSON'S presidential incumbency? VAN BUREN was a good enough President, but he had not the same influence for the enforcement of great principles that JACKSON had. Would not the country have been the gainer by four years more of JACKSON'S rule?

These are questions which thinking Americans may put to themselves when they hear so much said about the impropriety and danger involved in giving a President more than two terms.

There may be cases where a third term would be a positive benefit. That, however, is a question in which the people will use their own judgment, and their common sense may be relied upon for a correct decision. There may also be cases where a presidential incumbent's policy has been so misrepresented, and himself subjected to such personal abuse, that a sense of fairness on the part of the public would like to vindicate him by an extension of his administration. But such a motive would be sentimental, and as a rule sentiment and practical politics do not pull very well together.

It is the duty and also the policy of a political party to pursue such a course, in its nominations of candidates as well as in its other measures, as will produce the most practical results.

-If you want printing of any description the WATCHMAN office is the place to have it done.

Interesting Factional Politics.

In the highly interesting fight that is going on among the Republicans of this State, the details of which are furnishing such "mighty interesting reading" for an amused public, it is natural that the excited leaders should bring charges against each other, and expose to "the fierce sunlight of publicity" the misdeeds which both sides have been guilty of.

The HASTINGS organs are charging QUAY with being the corrupt boss that the Democrats have always represented him to be. One of them parades the expression that "he would like to know how it feels to own a Governor," which he was said to have used at the time he made DELAMATER the candidate for Governor. This is now ventilated by his Republican enemies to show what an arrogant and domineering boss he has been; but when the Democrats published this expression, at the time QUAY made it, there was not a Republican organ that was not ready to swear that it was a lie.

Another charge which the combine's literary bureau is industriously circulating against the Boss is that it was through his interference that the apportionment bills were not passed. The Governor is represented as having been anxious for the apportionment of the State, but the wicked Boss prevented that requirement of the constitution from being carried out.

It is altogether probable that QUAY'S political interest induced him to oppose the passage of the apportionment bills, but there is nothing to show that HASTINGS wanted anything better than the unfair and dishonest gerrymander that has made the apportionment of this State a burlesque on popular representation.

The virtuous politicians who compose the HASTINGS-MAGEE-MARTIN combine profess to be shocked and scandalized by QUAY'S corrupt use of money in effecting his political ends. The organs of that faction denounce him for using boodle in the present fight, which is furnished by CAMERON, and is distressing them as an immoral attempt to introduce so unusual a thing as corruption into Republican politics.

This is really dreadful and well calculated to make DAVE MARTIN despair of ever being able to establish political purity as the leading principle in public affairs. Such conduct of the old Boss must also be discouraging to HASTINGS, who would rather die than resort to corruption in politics, and who regards the use of boodle in elections as among the unpardonable sins, his disposition being to rather suffer martyrdom than to do anything crooked in either his public or private capacity.

The HASTINGS organs are now not only admitting, but are vehemently charging QUAY with being a boodler, an offense which was an object of commendation on the part of the entire party when his corrupt methods secured the election of HARRISON in 1888. The Democratic opinion of the most profligate politician of the country is now being confirmed by Republican testimony, but these witnesses, who have turned state's-evidence against him, as is usual in such cases, are as bad as the culprit against whom they testify.

In this highly exciting and interesting factional fight the QUAY organs and literary bureau are by no means idle. They parade a beautiful assortment of charges against HASTINGS and his backers, who are picturesquely styled the "Hog Combine." For the most entertaining specimens of this kind of factional literature we would refer our readers to the columns of the Philadelphia "Inquirer" and "North American."

These organs virtually charge the Governor with being as bad as the corrupting agency in their fight against him. That the combination of politicians, in which DAVE MARTIN is a prominent figure, should resort to corrupt means to accomplish their ends is not surprising, but that the politician who, as chairman of the Republican national committee, won his chief renown by electing HARRISON by means of a gigantic corruption fund, should complain of such methods as being reprehensible when employed against himself, is really laughable. It is a good deal like a green-goods man complaining of being buncoed.

"have destroyed every bit of competition among the street car lines of Philadelphia," and have put the people of that city "under the iron heel of one gigantic car company?"

The answer to these questions is obvious, there being no occasion for the frantic manner in which the Inquirer puts them. HASTINGS is simply a tool of the corporations, in this respect differing not in the least from the usual policy of the Republican party. The Standard oil bill and the Magee traction bill were pieces of the same cloth, in line with the general monopolistic principles of the party, as exemplified in MCKINLEYISM, which the Inquirer and other Republican papers that are now denouncing HASTINGS' monopoly favoritism, have advocated and commended.

The QUAY organs are also pouring hot shot into the Governor for having vetoed appropriations for educational and charitable purposes in order that there might be enough money to pay his high-priced appointees to the newly created offices, and for his signing the bill that authorizes the appointment of any number of inspectors of weights and measures, which the Inquirer stigmatizes as "a political job designed to strengthen the 'Hog Combine' of Philadelphia and the lobbyist brigade of Pittsburg."

The fight between the two Republican factions is really an entertaining performance. We have endeavored to give our readers specimens of the beautiful literature that is being sent out from the opposite bureaus and spread broadcast by the conflicting organs. It cannot fail to interest them, and also to inspire them with the hope that when such political rascals get to publishing the truth about each other the people will become disgusted with them and turn the whole gang out of the high places which they have so long disgraced.

The Beef Trust.

The beef market has not yet recovered from the scarcity that began last April and was attributable to the operations of the Chicago meat trust. Although that combination is no longer engaged in cornering the supply, the effect of its speculative work in the early spring is still felt. When the trust broke down competition in buying cattle, the profits to the raisers became so reduced as to discourage them, with the result that they have since paid but little attention to preparing beefs for the butcher. This accounts not only for the continuation of the scarcity, but for the inferior quality of the beef that is appearing in the market. It is estimated that even under most favorable conditions it will take three years to produce an adequate supply.

The spirit of monopoly is further displayed by the Chicago combination in its becoming the rivals of the butchers in supplying the retail market. It is now furnishing meats to the city hotels and restaurants. Robbed of this custom, the butchers are forced either to go out of business or to trade in inferior meat.

This greed on the part of the trust, resulting in derangement of the market, means trouble and expense to consumers, and must be endured by the public in order that a combination of millionaires may increase their vast fortunes by levying a tribute on the dinner tables of all the people.

These conspiracies to rob the public are growing stronger every year, but the people will vainly struggle against them when it is seen that State Legislatures and Governors are eager to be their servants.

There is something ludicrous in the complaint of Boss QUAY that the HASTINGS faction are using boodle as a corrupting agency in their fight against him. That the combination of politicians, in which DAVE MARTIN is a prominent figure, should resort to corrupt means to accomplish their ends is not surprising, but that the politician who, as chairman of the Republican national committee, won his chief renown by electing HARRISON by means of a gigantic corruption fund, should complain of such methods as being reprehensible when employed against himself, is really laughable. It is a good deal like a green-goods man complaining of being buncoed.

The Friend of the Veterans.

From the Doylestown Democrat. No Assistant Secretary of the Interior, previous to the present Administration, has taken a deeper interest in the soldier, living or dead, than Mr. Reynolds, the present incumbent. This he has done in numerous instances, but he has just decided a case that emphasizes his interest in the defender of the Union, after he is powerless to speak for himself, and, by his action, prevents the authorities of a city being paid a premium by the government for pauperizing a dead soldier. The case is given as follows in a Washington despatch, under date of July 22:

Assistant Secretary of the Interior John M. Reynolds to-day decided that a municipal corporation which cares for a sick soldier and buries him as a pauper in Potter's Field has no right to reimbursement under the pension laws. Had the corporation cared for and buried him decently then the claim would have been allowed. The case in point was that of Edwin Haskins, of Company F, Thirty-third New York Infantry, who died in jail at St. Cloud, Minn., where he had been confined, the result of a spree. He left no property, and the city buried him as a pauper and asked the Interior Department to reimburse it. Judge Reynolds disallowed the claim.

Assistant Secretary Reynolds deserves, and will receive, the thanks of all old soldiers for thus caring for the reputation of one of their comrades, James B. Zahn, book-keeper for the Carnegie Steel Company.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

-The coal regions are suffering for rain.

-Sacred concerts are prohibited at McKeesport.

-Jersey Shore is to have a new opera house.

-The Mahaffy camp meeting closed on Sunday.

-Berks County folks have \$8,427,505 on interest.

-Hazleton is to have a new brewery to cost \$100,000.

-Lancaster coal dealers have combined to regulate prices.

-Firebugs infest the woods of North-western Pennsylvania.

-Scranton's Board of Trade will erect a \$150,000 office building.

-Centra, with a population of less than 3000, has a uniformed police.

-Western Pennsylvania soft coal miners will stick out for the 60-cent rate.

-An explosion of gunpowder at Shamokin blew off half of Stephen Capello's face.

-A flash of fire from a Lancaster furnace horribly burned John Eisenberger.

-Michael Zinders, aged 69 years, was found dead in Williamsport lumber yard.

-Falling down a quarry at Bangor, Foreman Michael Connaughton was instantly killed.

-Anthracite miners are again agitating the question of abolishing the \$2.50 basis for wages.

-Newboys at Allentown will hereafter be forbidden to shout upon the streets on Sundays.

-Amandes Mertz, of Lehighton, was killed at Belvidere, N. J., when stepping from a train.

-Swedish Lutheran church, of DuBois, has called Rev. Karl A. Martin of Middletown, Conn.

-The sight of a fire at Hazleton so frightened Mrs. Charles Thamer that she dropped dead.

-The alleged multi-million fortune of the late E. M. Byers, of Allegheny, has dwindled to \$300,000.

-The 32 collieries in the seventh anthracite district pay average monthly wages of \$15,000 each.

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