

Ink Slings.

He dared to be a DANIEL, Though he didn't stand alone, He dared to think himself king bee When he was but a drone.

—There is another dead duck in the political pond.

—When rascals fall out honest men get their dues. A Democratic omen for this fall.

—ABE MILLER, the Republican candidate for Prothonotary, is tickled over HASTINGS' downfall. ABE has always had it in for DAN.

—There is nothing but the brightest prospects ahead for Democrats. Republican dissension and business prosperity are good conditions that confront us.

—Even MALIN says: "It's all up with us." For the enlightenment of any who don't understand the above; "us," in this case, means MALIN, HASTINGS et al.

—The Governor's pet candidate for District Attorney will hardly use coal-oil to grease his campaign with. Coal oil would have a bad effect on the troubled political waters of this county.

—International troubles confront us again. France has one of our citizens penned up, England is getting hot over Nicaragua, China won't protect our missionaries and we are having pen and ink scraps with State officials on all sides.

—The St. Louis has proven herself the fastest vessel afloat. She carried the stars and stripes at the rate of 23.6 knots an hour, in the English channel, on Tuesday. Like the Legislature that saw her launched the St. Louis is getting away with everything in sight.

—An Alabama judge has decided that if a young man puts his arm around a marriageable girl's waist it is prima facie evidence that he has proposed. It might have been a sign when that judge was younger, but nowadays—most men would become veritable BLUE-BEARDS were it true.

—The announcement that real Mexican bull fighting is to be a part of the amusement provided by the managers of the cotton states exposition, at Atlanta, has brought considerable censure down upon the heads of those in charge. They have been equal to the emergency, however, and are now flooding the country with the announcement that nothing is to be killed in the fights—not even the bull.

—It is said that a Centre county veteran is very much worried because he has lost his buck-tail and won't be able to have that mark of distinction when the famous old regiment holds its reunion at Lock Haven, next month. It oughtn't to be hard to get all the buck-tails that anyone could carry now-a-days. Quite a number could be located through the guidance of the commitment docket in the Prothonotary's office.

—It is a noteworthy fact that Governor HASTINGS paid the fines of nineteen vagabonds, who were in jail at New Castle, Del., last Monday, and thereby insured their immediate release. Why? We sincerely trust that it wasn't because they were all Philadelphians and his act was prompted by a hope that they would all return, forthwith, to the city and vote for him at the primaries that were held there next day. It looks that way, though, don't it?

—It might be well for the people of Pennsylvania, as well as those of neighboring States, who have been watching the factional strife in the Republican party in this Commonwealth to be forewarned of any shyster act that the administration might be forced to undertake. There is every probability that if QUAY wins over HASTINGS, in the fight now on, the latter will endeavor to laugh it off and say he didn't care much; that the convention chairmanship was all he was after. Remember, however, that the Governor refused such a proposition to settle the trouble and there can be nothing but the defeat of his highest hopes should QUAY succeed.

—Whatever the outcome of the factional strife that is now rending the Republican organization in Pennsylvania the people of the State will have had an opportunity of seeing the innermost recesses of the corrupt machine that has dominated this State for years. If the combine wins, it will be the supremacy of debauchery. If QUAY wins, it will not be any particular confidence in his assertion that he is for "reform in politics," but rather a rebuke to the most extravagant administration of state we have ever known. It will be a rebuke to a policy that has made the judiciary a political weapon; a rebuke to a man who has created fat offices for his henchmen at the expense of public schools, asylums and charitable institutions, a rebuke to Standard oil favoritism that has put luxuries on the tables of millionaires and left those of the common people without necessities.

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The Choice Between Two Evils.

The concluding stage of the disturbance between the Republican factions indicates the probability that QUAY is going to come out on top. This result will not be due to the influence of any political virtue possessed by that notorious party manager. He is the same corrupt machine politician he has always been, since he acquired control of the Republican organization in this State. A leopard could change his spots about as easily as QUAY could change his political character. His probable victory will, in addition to its other significance, prove that in the management of party machinery he is superior to the political apprentices whose swelled heads led them to believe that they could turn the Boss out and run the shop themselves.

A fight between these factions presents merely a choice between two such evils as the control of QUAY or the supremacy of a combination like that of HASTINGS, MARTIN and MAGEE. Although the one has no redeeming virtue, the other is so thoroughly mistrusted by the people that preference for the former is made possible.

That the rank and file of the Republicans are against the Combine has been made sufficiently evident by their votes, wherever they have been allowed an expression on the issue between the two factions. The primaries, where a direct vote was permitted, have shown a decided preference for QUAY, which can have no other meaning than that the HASTINGS administration has incurred the disapprobation of the party that put it in power by such an immense majority.

There is abundant reason why reputable Republicans should be disgusted with a state administration which must share with a reprobate Legislature the blame for the profligacy, extravagance, corruption and imbecility that characterized the proceedings of the last session.

If the Legislature increased the state expenses, by creating new offices and increasing official salaries, it was the Governor that instigated that reprehensible proceeding, in order that party workers might be rewarded and his personal following be enlarged. If venal Legislators were eager to pass bills desired by monopolistic corporations, the Governor was just as ready to approve them with his signature. If an unnecessary Court was called into existence, by an act of legislation, the Governor, after giving his assistance to that bad piece of work, promptly made use of the judicial appointments for the promotion of his factional designs, thereby committing a gross prostitution of the appointive power.

His entire administration has been converted into a factional machine, operating with the foolish design of securing the unattainable object of a personal ambition. As his chief assistants and advisors in this work he has chosen the most notorious lobbyists of Pittsburg and Philadelphia.

These are the reasons why the Republicans, where they have been given a chance to vote on this factional issue, have given a decided majority for QUAY as against HASTINGS. There being no other alternative they prefer the leadership of so discreditable an old Boss to that of a thoroughly debauched and disgraced state administration.

It is not QUAY's strength, nor any confidence the people have in him, that has brought the results he is now elated over. It is the pitiable weakness and distrust in the administration that has done the work.

—Governor HASTINGS has visited a Delaware prison and made himself solid with the convicts. While at New Castle inspecting the Naval Brigade, last Monday, his curiosity led him to visit the county jail where the whipping post is located. The presence of his Excellency attracted the attention of the prisoners, a number of whom asked his assistance on account of their being Pennsylvanians, and whose release depended upon the payment of fines. The Governor paid the fines of seventeen of them, who gratefully started for Philadelphia at once, and no doubt were on hand on Tuesday at the Republican primaries, and voted early and often in the interest of the Hog Combine.

A Sensible Conclusion.

A Democratic silver conference was held in Washington last week, it being composed of members of the Democratic party, who are in favor of free silver coinage. The conclusion it came to did not indicate that the party is going to suffer to any extent from defection on the silver question.

The members of the conference, among whom Senator HARRIS, of Tennessee, was the most prominent, were candid in declaring that their object was to secure the endorsement of free coinage at the next Democratic national convention and the nomination of a free coinage candidate for President. In the declaration of this purpose they exercised their undoubted right to express their sentiments on a question which is clearly an open one. The party, as a party, is not committed either for or against the coinage of silver.

But the conference, with commendable fidelity to the Democratic organization, further declared that if their views in regard to silver coinage should not be accepted by the national convention such action would in no wise affect their allegiance to the party, nor prevent them from accepting its platform and supporting its candidates.

This is the right position and it will be found generally adopted by Democrats in the next national campaign. It is becoming evident that the monetary question is not going to be settled as a political issue. Silver is drifting out of the domain of politics, and is assuming the character of a great international interest, which no nation can determine single handed, but which requires inter-national action and agreement to bring it to a practical and effective solution.

Both Are Guilty Alike.

The cowardice of Senator QUAY and his followers is shown in their efforts to saddle all the corrupt and villainous work of the last Legislature upon the administration. The Lord knows that Gov. HASTINGS and his Combine have enough to answer for in the settlement of their own sins against the interests of the people and the honor of the Commonwealth, but to make them solely responsible for the joint acts of the Combine and the QUAY gang, is like punishing the thief for the crimes of the receiver of stolen goods. In their just and bitter condemnation of the debauchery and corruption and venality of the last Legislature, the Republican people should not forget that not one of the acts of which they complain, and which the Governor is rightfully denounced for approving, could have been enacted without the aid and support of the QUAY crowd. Both factions are alike responsible for the disgrace they have brought upon the State, and the debauchery that held high carnival among Republican Legislators.

Things Are Different Now.

For the year ending June 30, 1894, a McKINLEY year, the difference between the deposits and withdrawals at the New York savings banks showed a net loss of \$35,000,000. For the year ending June 30, 1895, a Wilson year, the difference at the same banks showed a net gain of \$15,000,000.

Business with savings banks is done principally by working people, and this increase of deposits compared with the loss of the previous year, shows the improved condition of the common people under a Democratic administration.

In looking back at the prostration of the McKINLEY period and comparing it with the present condition, it may be truly said that things are different now.

—It is the opinion of C. P. HUNTINGDON, who is one of the best judges of business matters, and has been studying the situation in this country and Europe, that we have entered a remarkable era of prosperity and will have five or six of the best business years this country has ever seen. Such a prospect is naturally gratifying to those who predicted and hoped that Democratic administration of the government and Democratic fiscal policy would be attended with rainous consequences.

Gratifying to Democrats.

Democrats derive much pleasure from taking a retrospective glance at the course of industrial events since the adoption of the Democratic tariff policy, and a prospective view of the still greater benefits of that policy which the future has in store.

Every department of industry shows its beneficial effects, but particularly gratifying are the splendid achievements of the woolen schedule under the Democratic tariff. There is no mistaking such a beneficent manifestation as the advance in wages, in at least fifty woolen mills since the present season set in.

In addition to this benefit, effecting the individual interests of the woolen workers, free wool and lower duties on manufactured woolen goods have given a great impetus to every branch of that industry. During the eleven months, that ended with the first of May, the expanding business of our woolen mills required the importation of over one hundred and eighty million pounds of wool, a quantity which exceeded the importation of wool during a corresponding period under the McKINLEY tariff by one hundred and thirty-six million pounds.

This immense importation of raw material means more extensive operations for the mill owners, more work and better pay for the workmen, and cheaper and better fabrics for the people, as most of the wools imported are of the higher grades. That this has not involved any loss to the American sheep raiser is proven by the fact that while these importations have been going on the price of American wool has advanced two cents a pound.

There could not be a more splendid vindication of the Democratic principle of free raw materials. It is based on the economic fact that by giving our manufacturers the advantage of raw materials from whatever quarter they may be obtainable, manufacturing operations are given such a stimulus that our home raw materials are included in the increased demand, they being involved in the effects of the general prosperity.

Contrary to the Republican doctrine that high duties are necessary for American industry, the reduction of the tariff by the Democrats has placed the woolen manufacturers in the best position they have ever occupied, has increased the wages of the workmen and given them more to do, and will supply the American people with a better quality of woolen goods at lower prices. It extends similar benefits to other branches of industrial production.

These effects of their tariff policy are certainly gratifying to Democrats, who, while carrying on their campaigns of education, had to suffer so much misrepresentation and abuse from parties interested in maintaining a non-political tariff.

Quay Demands a Fair Count.

Boss QUAY takes the right position in asking that there should be a fair count and no gouging in making up the roll of delegates to the State Convention, and that the State Committee should be previously called together for that purpose.

In such a matter, as a practical politician not over-stocked with honesty, "he knows how it is himself." From long personal experience and practice in the methods of crooked politics he is fully competent to judge how there may be such a rascally manipulation of the roll as to make a majority for the side that does the manipulating, although it may really have the smallest number of fairly elected delegates. GILKESON, as chairman of the State Committee, is in a position to do this kind of work.

QUAY evidently understands the nature of his opponents, when he warns them against cheating in the count, and GILKESON justifies the suspicion that there is going to be crooked business in making up the roll by declining to comply with the request that it should be done by the State Committee. It is true that this would be an unusual proceeding, but the instinct of an old practical machine politician, like QUAY, teaches him that in this case he has an unusually slippery set of political rascals to deal with.

Expensive Dan.

From the Uniontown Genius of Liberty.

A gentleman who saw the review at Glencairn remarked that the boys made a magnificent, warlike appearance. But the governor and the staff officers will have a chance to learn something more about the actual realities of war next month when we take that trip south. We will have a great time, and will enjoy some new sights.

The speaker referred to the tour that Governor Hastings will take in September when he accompanies the old soldiers to the Chickamauga battlefield. His excellency has made up his mind that he will go in his most royal state when he takes that trip, which will be largely in the nature of a junketing tour. The late legislature appropriated the sum of \$5,000 to pay the expenses of the veterans who will represent the Pennsylvania regiments but before the chief executive would sign the bill he made the peremptory demand that the expenses of himself and staff be paid from that appropriation. He insisted on going on the trip and taking a large party with him, including not only his staff but many invited guests.

His most excellency is now said to demand no less than ten rooms and a parlor at the Look Out Inn which will cost not less than \$60 a day. Besides this trifling item the governor will have carriages for his party, and inasmuch as they are very scarce, the liveries are going to charge \$5 a seat. This, with other enormous expenses for the king and his retinue will go a long way toward exhausting the appropriation, so the commission of old soldiers appointed for this purpose will have to go afoot. One of the members of the commission said: "Inasmuch as General Hastings never saw a battle, it was thought best to give into his demands, so that he could lull and with the utmost ease view the many places where the blue and gray made red the green fields of the western conflict. Truly the commander of the Hog Combine is not dying from too much modesty."

The Foundation of Prosperity.

From the New York World. The doubting Thomases as to prosperous times have need to look at the facts. With a corn crop worth \$111,000,000 and other crops in proportion, the country couldn't be otherwise than prosperous if it would. Our exports of agricultural products alone will bring more than two billion dollars of wealth to us this next year. All our factories are running on full time. Wages are being voluntarily increased on every hand. Our iron mills are unable to supply the demands made upon them, and their rejected orders are going to Europe, where they will pay wages that must come back to us in payment for bread and meat. Prosperity is the normal and usual condition of the great Republic. Depression and hard times are accidental and unrequited incidents.

Is Silent On That Subject.

From the Pittsburg Post. A leading wool dealer of Philadelphia, Mr. L. M. Whiddin, just returned from a tour of observation of the wool-growing districts of the west, says the western wool dealers will get \$6,000,000 more for their wool this year than they expected. This news should be conveyed to McKinley to illuminate his next calamity speech. But we forget. McKinley has dropped calamity oratory, and is now eloquent on every subject but the tariff.

Yes It Do.

From the Butler Herald. The most prominent Senator of the New York Legislature is Senator Lexow, and he has within the past two weeks declared that if the present prosperity of the country continues it will prove that the Republicans are wrong on the tariff issue and have been all the while. Senator Lexow is not a Democrat, but a protectionist Republican, formerly of the most extreme type, but he is also a reformer. The world do move.

Heading Toward the Farmer.

From the Phila. Record. The exports from this country in 1894 exceeded those of 1893 by over \$40,000,000; and as three-fourths of the commodities sent abroad consisted of farm products, the farmers should be in as good humor as are the manufacturers over the results of Tariff Reform. At last prosperity has headed for the open fields.

An Impossibility Under a McKinley Tariff.

From the Cambria Freeman. An Alabama firm secured a contract for water pipes for Tokio, against bidders in England, Germany and Belgium. What has become of the European pauper labor law now? This kind of thing was never done under the McKinley law, let it be remembered.

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

Spawls from the Keystone.

—A new Board of Health has been organized at Shenandoah.

—Grasshoppers are eating the buckwheat in Pike county.

—Illness caused Sylvanus Klapp, at Stoupsburg, to commit suicide.

—An electric shock from a trolley wire at York killed Charles Anthony.

—Reading bicyclers have clubbed together to buy wheels at first cost.

—A bicyclist at Douglassville ran down Mrs. Frances Good, fracturing her leg.

—After a red-hot fight Reading's School Board voted to change the text books.

—An explosion of gas in a Girardville mine blew out the life of Patrick Howe.

—A severe storm visited Allegheny county Sunday, doing considerable damage.

—Mennonites baptized a number of converts in the river at Spring City Sunday.

—In six months there have been 272 births and only 999 deaths in Schuylkill County.

—Falling to hear an approaching train at Reading, Henry Fasig, a painter, was killed.

—Natural gas has been struck at Tobyhanna, Monroe county, on Charles Wender's farm.

—Pottsville citizens want their wards to be known by numbers instead of names, at present.

—Thrown from a carriage by a runaway team at Mt. Carmel, J. W. Pershing was fatally hurt.

—A pillow rolled upon an infant, Dorothy Sullivan, while she slept at Shamokin, suffocating her.

—Suffering from melancholia in the Lancaster Insane Asylum, Mrs. Mary Grog strangled herself.

—Three prisoners, Frank Neal, Louis Roseburger and Michael Wright, escaped from the Kittanning jail.

—Mrs. A. B. Brown has been appointed fourth-class postmaster at Beafren, vice James Patrick, removed.

—Walking on the track of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, J. H. Tompkins, of Pittston, was run over and killed.

—Being seized with cramps while swimming in the river at Plymouth, young Richard Davis was drowned.

—While fishing with a friend at Le Roy, Bradford county, Polk Hickok committed suicide by drowning himself.

—Thieves stole \$100 worth of tobacco and cigars from the Philadelphia & Reading warehouse, at Hellmandale.

—A society has been formed at Tremont to mark the sites of former Indian villages in Schuylkill county and vicinity.

—Accused of passing counterfeit ten-cent pieces William L. Dunmire, of Pottsville, was sent to Blair county jail.

—In a fight at Fordham, on the Monongahela River, Peter Ferris was shot and severely injured by Abraham Minney.

—A burglar whom George Steinbacher found in his bedroom at Williamsport fired a bullet through the latter's clothes.

—Strikers at Creedmore mine of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, near Pittsburg, returned to work Friday.

—The body of a man was seen floating in the Delaware River at Taylorsville, Bucks county, but it could not be recovered.

—Surviving veterans of the Forty-eighth Regiment, who served throughout the entire war, held a reunion at New Philadelphia.

—At Shamokin Thomas Edwards was struck by a trolley car, and William Jarrass by a locomotive each receiving fatal injuries.

—Hundreds of Irishmen from Western Pennsylvania met at Pittsburg and advocated physical force to free Ireland from British rule.

—It is feared that little Russell Garrett, of Brooklyn, who was recently bitten by a dog at Easton, is suffering from hydrophobia.

—While working on a Pennsylvania Railroad train at Columbia, Brakeman William B. Cook, of Harrisburg, fell and was cut to pieces.

—Lightning killed a cow at Boliver Run McKean county, while D. Dykeman and his little son were milking, and both were badly shocked.

—Miss Ella Templin, of Birdsboro, who it was thought was fatally injured by having a chair pulled from under her, is now able to walk.

—Lancaster Court decided that the rival Evangelical denominations at Manheim occupy alternately the Seybe Church temporarily.

—Because the girl's parents objected to their marriage, Miss Jessie Cutts and Gus Strauss, of Limestone, Lycoming county, fled to New York and were wed.

—Edward O'Donnell, of Shenandoah, has served as gatekeeper for the Lehigh Valley Railroad for fifteen years without losing a day, not even Sunday.

—F. C. Job, elected a State delegate in the Third district of Schuylkill county, is arranging to take every delegate who voted for him to the State Convention.

—The fifth annual convention of the Williamsport District Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in Mifflinburg, Pa., on September 13, 14 and 15, 1895.

—The oats crop of John Jonas of Nippenose valley, was threshed last week. Three hundred sheaves turned out sixty bushels. The entire crop averaged sixty-six bushel to the acre.

—Thieves entered three houses at Falls Friday night. Two suspicious characters were arrested, but as there was no proof of their having been connected with the robbery they were released.

—A robber broke into the residence of P. B. Zentmyer at Clearfield, a few nights ago and got some money, watches and jewelry. He escaped, but not until after a scuffle with Mrs. Zentmyer, who displayed considerable nerve.

—During the prevalence of a terrific electric storm in Huntingdon county on Friday Melvin B. Crum, aged 22 years, and two horses were struck by lightning and instantly killed. The young man had been plowing in a field and sought shelter under a tree. The tree was struck and literally splintered to pieces.