

The death of M. PASTEUR, the eminent French scientist and hydrophobia expert, will give the mad-dog a better chance to get in his work in the future.

Germany has declared war on the Standard oil octopus. Emperor WILLIAM deserves great credit for his undertaking, but he'll hardly succeed. Why even the Governor of Pennsylvania saw the futility (?) of fighting the Standard.

MAHONEY stricken with paralysis sounds the knell of Republicanism in the "Old Dominion." Ever since the days of reconstruction he has been the head of that party in Virginia and today he is the last leg upon which it stands.

Pittsburg is bidding high for the next national Republican convention and if she gets it possibly ANDREW CARNEGIE can be prevailed upon to tell a few things that he knows about the comparative benefits of high and low tariffs.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW's assertion that President CLEVELAND "knows exactly how to say the right thing and always at the right time" takes nothing from the President's beautiful tribute to General SCHOFIELD, the retiring commander of the United States Army.

A party of Pittsburgers, calling themselves Korashanites, left that city, Tuesday evening, for Estero, Florida, where they believe they have a Divine command to locate. There is no doubt of the fanaticism manifested in their undertaking and it is only to be regretted that in this enlightened country so many christian fanatics are to be found. They bring an unwonted ridicule upon christianity.

Truth thinks that we ought to pass a law to make titles for sale by the government so that American girls will not have to go abroad to buy them from the petered out nobility of foreign countries. The suggestion is a good one, so far as replenishing the public treasury would be concerned, but it is better for the country to be in debt than to hold out inducements to keep fools of girls in the land. Let them go. We are better off without them.

The farmer who thinks he has made a rare stroke of economy by subscribing for one of the city papers that offer a hay wagon load of paper for \$1. per year will look 'till his eyes wear out before he sees the advertisement of his cattle when they become estrays. Every man ought to take a local paper. The advertisements in it, which are always ready for him to take advantage of, will, alone, more than make up what he pays during the year.

It is very evident that Texas has a Governor who means to govern, and how well he has succeeded is nicely seen in the action of the Legislators of the "Lone Star" State, as evidenced in their passing his proposed special legislation to prevent the CORBETT-FITZSIMMONS fight, in particular, and prize fighting, in general, in that State. Governor CULBERSON has evoked the admiration of honorable people in all parts of the world by his determined stand to suppress prize fighting.

In view of the fact that the Legislature of Texas adjourned for ten days, last spring, so that it could attend a bull fight in Mexico, in a body, Governor CULBERSON of that State, must have had a hard time inducing it to pass laws necessary to stop the coming CORBETT-FITZSIMMONS fight. In the case of the fight in Mexico both the bulls and a lion refused combat with the matadors, but it is hardly probable that the bruisers will show as much sense as those dumb animals did.

GILKESON believes (?) that the Republican ticket will have 200,000 majority in the State this fall. Democrats will not need to lose heart over this announcement, for BEN is simply trying the game of pace making for QUAY. He thinks he will make people believe that the majority ought to reach 200,000, which, of course, will not be the case, then he will blame the failure to make that mark on QUAY. As a pace-maker GILKESON is not a success. The "old-man" rode right away from him in the last race.

The report of the suffrage committee of the constitutional convention now in session at Columbia, South Carolina, recommends that those persons who apply for "registration must be able to read and write any section in the constitution." A property clause of \$300 is also inserted. While the action of the convention will not be final in the adoption of a new constitution for that State its recommendation on the suffrage question should certainly be followed. Of course Republican papers will howl that this is a move to disqualify the colored voters, but the better sense of people, everywhere, will endorse the assertion that a man who cannot read and write is not capable of voting intelligently.

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The Right of Equality Outraged.

One of the worst political signs of the times is the growing disposition to take unfair and unjust advantage of political opponents. The very basis of our popular institutions is the right of everybody to fair and equal treatment, and it applies to political parties as well as to individuals. When this right is denied—when, in the case of a political party, it is not allowed the right that is due it on the basis of political equality, violence is done to the principle upon which our popular form of government is founded.

Unfair and unjust advantage taken by one political party of another most frequently assumes the form of unequal apportionment of representative districts. This is a wrong that has become habitual with the Republican party of Pennsylvania, inflicting a political outrage upon nearly half the people of the State, and making a burlesque of popular representation.

But partisan unfairness and injustice have assumed even a more obnoxious form in the unequal provisions of the law that has called the Superior court into existence.

The judiciary should be entirely distinct from politics. Its machinery should be unaffected by party influences. But in addition to the wrong of giving a political cast to the new court, its Republican creators have arranged to make it outrageously one-sided as a party machine that decent and right-thinking members of both parties must be disgusted and alarmed by so shameful an attempt to pervert the legitimate object of the judiciary.

The difference in the numerical strength of the two parties in this State is comparatively trifling, yet a Republican Legislature is found unjust, mean and impudent enough to make such a division of the new judges that one of these almost equal political parties is intended to have six of them and the other but one. This is to be effected by an arrangement in the manner of voting that will give the majority party this outrageous disproportion of judges on the bench of the Superior court.

When it is considered that this wrong was deliberately planned, in utter defiance of fairness and decency, and with contempt for the sense of right that is inherent in all good citizens, there should be such a rebuke at the polls, by the defeat of the candidates who are the representatives of this outrage, as will put upon it the stigma of public reproof, and stamp with an unmistakable mark of condemnation the iniquitous scheme of converting the courts into political machines.

Democratic Encouragement.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have every reason to go into this year's political campaign with revived courage and hopeful spirits.

The circumstances are all favorable to their cause. Improved times and renewed industrial activity are working in its interest.

The people are experiencing the beneficial effects of Democratic measures after a period of prostration due to Republican policy. The centres of industry have new life infused into them. They are all astir with the movements of reanimated labor.

Industry no longer lacks employment. The reduction of wages, which was a feature of the McKINLEY period, has been succeeded by an advance in the daily earnings of working people. Labor strikes that immediately began to disturb the relations between employers and employed, after the passage of the last Republican tariff bill, no longer occasion disturbance, since wages are being voluntarily increased.

This is the situation that greets the Democrats at the opening of this year's campaign and encourages them to hope for the most favorable results. With such a vindication of the policy of their party they have a right to expect that it will receive the endorsement of a popular majority.

A year ago their opponents were going through the country howling calamity and charging the Democrats with having ruined the country. The prevailing prosperity is a sufficient refutation of such a charge and a reasonable assurance of Democratic success this year and in the greater contest a year hence.

A Factional Ticket.

In regard to the new court for which the people of the State will have to elect a set of judges at the November election, it may be said, in the first place, that there was no actual occasion for creating it. The legal requirements of the State did not demand such a tribunal.

The next fact connected with it is that those who are responsible for its establishment intended it for no other than a partisan purpose, and proposed to use it as an instrument in accomplishing factional designs.

When HASTINGS and his fellow factionists conceived the scheme of this new court the leading object was to make such a distribution of the judgeship appointments as would secure the largest possible number of delegates to the State convention, as against the QUAY faction.

The Governor having thus made the judicial appointments for a factional purpose, his appointees, as presented to the party convention for nomination, represented nothing but a faction. They would have been thrown overboard at the word of the notorious boss, if it had not better suited his designs to treat HASTINGS leniently and allow his judge appointees to go on the ticket as the party candidates.

This is the kind of judicial ticket that is offered the Republicans for their suffrage. Originally selected for the use that might be made of them in advancing the designs of a faction, and their nomination allowed by the party boss for reasons best known to himself, these candidates are merely the representatives of an exploded factional scheme. Members of their own party can not regard them in any other light.

Conscientious and fair-minded Republicans, who can not help being disgusted with the object for which HASTINGS originally selected these judges, and with their indecent participation in the dirtiest of faction fights, will find it difficult to consider themselves bound to support such judicial candidates.

EMIL WITTE, a Brooklyn man, is serving ten days a sentence for forcibly hugging and kissing five girls on the street, the other morning. What a boon such a fellow would be in Bellefonte, for with a WITTE here the streets would be crowded with girls all the time. New York people will more than likely consider WITTE a misnomer for a man who could be guilty of kissing Brooklyn girls.

Why They are Distressed.

The fact that the receipts in the Treasury for the month of September exceeded the disbursements, indicates that a gratifying turning point has been reached, and that the deficit of the past two years is about being converted into a surplus.

This should make every good citizen rejoice, but it is a cause of sadness to the Republican politicians. They are deeply distressed by such a disproof of their assertion that the financial condition of the country was being ruined by the Democrats. They would much rather have the ruin in order that their predictions of calamity might be fulfilled and their party might have the political benefit of it.

In every respect these are sad and distressful times to politicians whose political success requires ruin and calamity. The influence of Democratic policy has restored the industries of the country, but busy and well paid industry is a grief to them, and their country's prosperity a source of sorrow.

The sympathy and support of the people will not be given to a party that bases its hopes of success upon the ruin of business and the prostration of labor.

In adopting the blue law as their platform the Republicans of New York are likely to discover that the result will not be a brilliant success. The people of that State are capable of self-government, and when they are refused the right to determine for themselves whether or not they shall be subject to Puritanical regulations, there is every probability that they will kick.

Rot, Rubbish and Reaction.

The steady progress the country is making in financial and industrial improvement renders the Republican cause the more hopeless. It has particularly the effect of making McKINLEY appear ridiculous as a presidential candidate. His tariff policy can be his only claim to the suffrage of his countrymen, but when there is such abundant evidence that his policy was a fraud and a nuisance, to base a presidential claim on it will strike the American people as laughably absurd.

In view of the beneficent effects of the Democratic tariff policy, which are becoming more manifest every day, for McKINLEY or any other Republican candidate to go to the country with the old high tariff arguments will be but an attempt to revive the cause of rot, rubbish and reaction.

Presidents are not elected in such a cause. The people recognize the rot there is in the claim that labor is benefited by a monopoly tariff. They regard as rubbish the doctrine that industry is encouraged by measures that limit and restrain its operations, and they will not give their countenance to a policy of reaction that would restore a tariff under which production was restricted, wages were reduced, and occasion was furnished for strikes and other labor disturbances.

A party whose cause is based on rot, rubbish and reaction is not going to succeed in the next presidential election.

Suspended Investigation.

As was to be expected, the investigating committee that made such a great parade about exposing Philadelphia's municipal corruption, is not displaying an uncontrollable determination to get to work. It is very leisurely in its movements, with every probability that it will finally come to the conclusion that the interest of the party will not be promoted by probing into the rotten methods of Philadelphia Republicanism.

The proposition to LEXOW the municipal rascality of that city, with the object of reform, had about as much sincerity in it as can be found in QUAY's reform State platform. It is safe to bet that there will be no Philadelphia investigation, or that if there is one its result will be a neat job of whitewashing.

Mr. SMITH, our present Prothonotary, has been a careful, trustworthy official. Courteous and dignified at all times he has filled the office during the four years of his term in a manner to which no exception can be taken. He is a Democrat, with hosts of Democratic relatives and friends interested in his success, and has a right to expect the vote of EVERY Democrat in the county. As a representative of the end of the county to which we look for party strength he should be given the earnest support of the Democrats in other precincts. As to fitness for the office there can be no comparison with ANE MILLER. The latter would never do as Prothonotary and the people of Centre county should let him understand, at once, that he is not wanted.

There are several Republicans in the vicinity of Pine Grove Mills who have reason to know that the Democrats are better friends of worthy old soldiers than the Republicans ever were. There are just three cases in that locality in which applicants, who were turned down by the HARRISON administration, have been handsomely taken care of by HOKE SMITH's department.

It has been announced that HENRY QUIGLEY, the Republican nominee for District Attorney, is very much concerned to know when the Democratic papers intend opening up on him. He must have a skeleton in his closet. Worrying will not help him much the time will come soon enough.

English Conservatives have gotten the notion into their heads that the House of Lords must be made an elective, instead of a hereditary body. Should the plan fructify there will be a shaking up of dry bones among her Majesty's pets, the like of which has never before been known.

BROWN OCTOBER.

A SONNET.

O Brown October, with thy ruddy face! Thou bringest with thee glad and grateful cheer; Of the Apostles twelve, who serve the year, The Almoner thou art of bounteous grace; Thy annual round doth bless the human race, Thy visitations are to it most dear, Nor less to sentient Nature art thou near, For everywhere thy bounty leaves a trace. So will'st thou't here we'll on contentment feast, Heap high the board and fill the generous bowl; Nor wastefully, but like a thankful soul, Remembering that, once in the Holy East The Prince of Life and Charity did say: "Ye have not me, but have the poor away." HENRY H. GOODRICH.

Let us Emulate Such an Example.

From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. One thing may frankly and truthfully be said. In no other part of this country to-day is the old-fashioned American Sunday—a day of cessation from secular labor, respectful quiet, and worship for all who are so inclined—so generally observed as in the South. This fact is noted with extreme gratification by Northern visitors, already unhappily familiar with current practices throughout this section, and the West particularly. There is to be no unseemly and costly contest over opening the Atlanta Exposition on the first day of the week. There was a feeble effort in this direction, but it has been speedily disposed of, and in a characteristic way, by the Directory, which unanimously voted to postpone all consideration of the subject. This course is taken in deference to local public sentiment and in accordance with fundamental American principles. Atlanta is a very busy city six days in the week. It is forging ahead in every element of material prosperity; but on Saturday night it lays aside the tools of labor and refrains from unnecessary trespasses upon the rights of those who toil. In this respect the New South sets a healthful and inspiring example to the reckless cities of the West, which have almost abolished the American Sunday.

A Thorn in Republican Flesh.

From the Pittsburg Post. As great a thorn in the side of the Republicans as the prosperous times and increasing wages is the fact that the month of September showed a surplus of over three millions between government receipts and expenditures. They try to break the force of this by claiming that the books were doctored, much in the same way as they sought to belittle the reports of good times and increased wages. The books can't be doctored. No Secretary would countenance anything of the kind. The surplus is a reflex of the good times dawning on the country. Of course the revenues of the government are benefited by the business revival. Nor is it likely this September surplus indicates a permanent monthly surplus. We have not reached that solid ground, but are gradually nearing it.

How About His Reputed Friendship for Lincoln?

From the Easton Argus. A New York paper announces on what it considers good authority, that General Harrison has withdrawn from the race for the Republican presidential nomination in favor of William McKINLEY. Thus far the ex-president has carefully avoided any admission that he was in the race, and friends, reputed to be in close touch with him, have said that he would not make any effort to secure the nomination. How Mr. Harrison is to withdraw from a contest in which the public has no reason to believe he was engaged, will be difficult of determination.

The Lone Discovery of the Arctic Expedition.

From the Philadelphia Record. Lieutenant Peary says that the Eskimaux women are exceedingly amiable, and have not yet acquired the habit of scolding; and elsewhere in his interview he mentions that they were the pioneers in the wearing of the bloomer costume. This fashion revelation is commended to the strait-laced American women who have been scolding about the bloomer costume. Perhaps if they were to get into the bifurcated garb it might assist them to recover and preserve their tempers.

None of Them Like to Hear It.

From the Williamsport Sun. It makes McKINLEY tired when a man like the president of the Southern Pacific railroad says that "the general condition of the country and the railroads is better than it has been for years." Of course it is.

It Ought to be Adopted Everywhere.

From the Pittsburg Times. The grand jury of Washington would like to send wife-beaters to the whipping post, and it is a pity that it cannot. The black-snake is a fine reformatory for the men capable of that cowardly and brutal offense.

Read the WATCHMAN.

Spawls from the Keystone

—Berks County's potato crop is estimated at 2,500,000 bushels.

—Alumni of Reading High School contemplate starting a public library.

—County Commissioners of Pennsylvania had a convention at Meadville.

—A three-minute system of telephones at Pittsburg is unpopular with business men.

—Schuylkill region miners' wages will this month be 17 per cent. below the \$2.50 basis.

—Clarkson Sheppard, the widely known Quaker preacher, is seriously ill at Media.

—The Philadelphia & Reading has ordered all its Schuylkill collieries to work full time.

—Extensive operations are in progress in Rose township, Monroe County, by coal prospectors.

—Wilkesbarre liquor dealers held a meeting Monday to form a league for mutual advantage.

—While clearing away a wreck on the railroad near Altoona, James Mulharm, of Gallitzin, was killed.

—Footpads tried to hold up and rob three employees of the Huntingdon reformatory, but failed.

—The Deposit National Bank, of DuBois, capital \$100,000 was Monday authorized to begin business.

—The publishing interests of the United Brethren conference of East Pennsylvania are worth \$33,000.

—John O. Deshong, a millionaire citizen of Chester, swooned in a barber shop and was removed to his home.

—Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, dedicated St. Michael's seminary for young ladies at Reading.

—The negro Rice, who shot flagman George Beam, at Coatesville, last week, is now in jail awaiting trial.

—A Delaware & Hudson train struck and killed constable Jefferson L. Rossie at a crossing in Scranton.

—Illness compelled telegrapher George Israel to shoot and kill himself at Reynolds Station, near Tamaqua.

—A train struck and killed William Snyder, a lad picking coal at Bethlehem, and injured his boy companion.

—Several hundred Odd Fellows from that vicinity gathered Saturday, at Morgantown, paraded and enjoyed a picnic.

—B. B. Stone, of McKean, and T. J. Smiley, of Crawford, have been appointed trustees of the Warren Insane Hospital.

—A new trial has been asked by Nelson Miller, convicted at Wilkesbarre as a dynamiter, who helped kill four people.

—Kostan Burnard is in Pottsville jail, accused of trying to rob bookkeeper F. L. Benner, of the Silver Brook coal company.

—Newsboy Clayton Ricker, who was thrown from a Jersey Central train at Bethlehem, on Sunday, has since expired.

—John Robinson, one of the murderers of Barney Reich, at Wilkesbarre, was Saturday sent to the penitentiary for 18 years.

—For fighting Miss Bittinger, a school teacher, Anna Norman, a colored pupil at Chambersburg, was sent to jail for a month.

—A movement is being agitated in Williamsport to establish a home for friendless girls, out of employment, and fallen women.

—The Chamberlain colliery, Pottsville, after several weeks of idleness, resumed on Tuesday, giving employment to over 400 hands.

—For the alleged forgery of a deed for a McKeesport property, worth \$900, real estate broker O. E. Krueger, of Brad-dock, was mobbed.

—Rev. E. E. Berry, former Lutheran pastor at McAllisterville, has been indefinitely suspended by the Synod for alleged dishonesty.

—Disappointed in love, Lewis Young, of Bradford, shot himself, then laid the crime to a robber, but subsequently confessed. He will die.

—Pittsburgers are chagrined because the Deep Wages convention refused to endorse the scheme for a canal from Lake Erie to the Susquehanna.

—Judge Endlich, at Reading, refused to discharge artist D. W. Barlow, who is accused of causing the death of Miss Cora Kapp by criminal malpractice.

—Mrs. Margaret Rhodes, who has just died at the Delaware Water Gap, had eight children, 58 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grand child.

—Pennsylvania newspapers are almost unanimous in condemning magistrate Hughes, of Philadelphia, for his high-handed assumption in dealing with the Salvation Army.

—Charters were Monday granted to the New Eagle Coal Company, of Carroll township, Washington County, capital, \$4,000, and the Kane Flint Bottle Company, of Kane, capital, \$15,000.

—The Erie Evening Herald, the leading afternoon newspaper in Northwestern Pennsylvania, has purchased the service of the United Press, the greatest news-gathering agency in the world.

—These Bedford countians have died recently: Mrs. Barbara Weyant, at Claysburg, aged 75 years; Mrs. Jacob Rhodes at her home in Liberty township, aged 58 years; Mrs. Sarah Ashcom, widow of the late George B. Ashcom, in Everett aged 77 years.

—Daniel Drawbaugh, of Eriely's Mills, is at present working on a device by which bicycles are made to climb a hill with but little effort on the part of the rider. Mr. Drawbaugh is also the inventor of the telephone, which patent he has swindled out of.

—The saw-mill proprietors of Williamsport are greatly in need of logs to keep them in operation and if they are not soon supplied with what they want, must stop operation, by which hundreds of men would be idle. A number of mills have already shut down.

—A letter received by his Huntingdon friends from D. S. Bagshaw, a missionary in India under the auspices of the Centre Baptist association, and a native of Huntingdon county, announced his leaving for home on the 7th instant. His health has been greatly impaired, and his return is on this account.