

Ink Sings.

It won't take a very long ladder with which to run up HARRISON'S lightning rod.

The allied powers should get a hold of those fractious Kurds and make them "cheese it."

Don't frown. The world is dark enough without the gloom you unwittingly cast over it.

McKINLEY will soon be out. Out of the gubernatorial control of Ohio and out for the presidential control of the United States.

Now that Mr. WHITNEY has declined to be a candidate for presidential honors he will hear lots of nice things said about him.

The Huntingdon Globe hit the nail on the head when it said: "Too much GORMAN-dizing turned Maryland into the Republican column."

Under a pretense of looking at fine horses New York society takes an annual opportunity of having itself looked at in Madison Square garden.

Senator SHERMAN'S book will hardly bring him in as much royalty as some of the fat frying processes, he describes in it, did for the Republican party.

The town of Bedford has a colored boot black who is 99 years old. Though so near the century mark he has lost none of his lustre and still shines.

The countryman who tied his horse to the rear of a Baltimore cable car, the other day, then complacently boarded it to take a ride must have had great faith in his steed's legs.

QUAY is to make a fight in Philadelphia for the election of clean men, next spring. His senate committee is getting them white-washed now so they will be in shape.

They are having a blizzard in Indiana. A little something to chill that HARRISON bee. It was decidedly out of season and this cold wave will end its buzzing until next spring.

Foot-ball and the butchering season are nearer akin than the mere idea of a bloody result would indicate. There is not such a great gap between scraping and chasing the pig skin.

It is strange that only the Republican organs talk about President CLEVELAND and third term possibilities. "A burnt child dreads the fire," hence their anxiety to know whether he will be a candidate for renomination.

The cannon escapade of the Freshman class of The Pennsylvania State College has given that institution notoriety of a rather undesirable kind. The Police News, of this week, pictures it in a highly sensational manner.

City papers say that MARIE JANSEN and her "Merry Countess" company struck in New York and refused to go on with the opera because they had not been paid back salaries. Would it not have been more in their line had they been given the credit of kicking?

A New York restaurateur procured a bloomer girl to wait on a table and was arrested for attracting crowds that blocked the streets in front of his place. Some-one of the curious ones remarked that it was "tough" and we have been wondering ever since whether he meant the arrest or the girl.

There is said to be a big contest over the chaplaincy of the fifth-fourth Congress. Whoever is accorded the honor (?) of praying over that rank Republican rabble will surely earn his \$900 salary. There will be more praying necessary than ever before, if mischief is to be averted.

The Pennsylvania railroad company is leading a war on the PULLMAN sleeping car company to force it to reduce the price of upper berths in sleepers. The object is a very laudable one, but what matters it if the traveler does save 50cts, or more, in the price of his berth the porter will still be there to gobble the difference?

The Lebanon Star thinks that "if some men had given their votes to the Democratic party as freely as they now give their advice there would have been no defeats." Lebanon county must have some fellows like the professing Democrats of Centre, who always do their best to lick the ticket then presume to tell the party what ought to be done.

American self respect owes the Duke of Marlborough a great debt for leaving the country as speedily as he did. Had he remained much longer the fawning and idiotic drivell of our people would certainly have made him so heartily sick of America that the very word would be disgusting. All the while New Yorkers are ranting about "titled block-heads" they brand themselves of asinine stripe by tumbling over each other in the streets to get a glimpse of such foreigners.

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Reaping the Fruits.

Philadelphia is now in the enjoyment of one of the fruits of the HASTINGS' administration, and it is clearly evident from the amount of kicking that is going on that it is a kind of enjoyment from which she does not derive much satisfaction.

The day before the usual big Philadelphia Republican majority was rolled up, two weeks ago, the consolidated street car monopoly put in force its new schedule of car fares by which the cost of using the cars has been increased to the people, and the free transfer privilege, which was of so much importance to workingmen and poor people, generally, has been changed to an 8 cent fare.

The perpetration of this monopolistic extortion is enabled by the consolidation of the street railway companies, and the consequent removal of competition. One company having the whole business now in its own hands can charge what it pleases.

To bring about this consolidation required legislation. The bill for this purpose was run through the last Legislature without opposition, and as it was in the interest of the big monopolizing corporation it was as promptly signed by HASTINGS as was the Standard oil company's bill. The passage of such a street railway consolidation bill was not attempted under Governor PATTISON'S administration, for it was well known that he would veto it in the interest of the people.

And now there is great dissatisfaction in Philadelphia. Curses are heaped upon the greedy corporation by men that voted for the Governor who is largely responsible for this robbery. Laboring men, who must go a distance to their work, and to whom free transfers was a great blessing, must now either pay the full 8 cent fare, or walk, and many of them are walking. Shop girls, whose wages are from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a week, and who cannot afford to pay the increased fare, are also walking. It is the calculation of the monopoly that it can realize a million dollars a year from the withdrawal of the free transfers, and it was to enable it to secure this plunder, and to oppress the poor and working class of people, that the monopoly Governor gave this corporation the assistance of his signature.

This is one of the benefits that Philadelphia is deriving from the HASTINGS administration, and yet that politically hide-bound, tariff crazy and fanatically partisan community is likely to roll up its big Republican majority at the very next opportunity.

Reports from trade centers are to the effect that bar iron and steel castings will both go up in price in a few days. This will be glad news to iron workers all over the country, as it indicates that the recent stiffening of the price of iron was not an unhealthy rise, as Republican protectionists would have them believe. Notwithstanding all classes of iron manufacturers have been stimulated by the Wilson tariff, already, in a way that has clearly demonstrated its superiority to the McKINLEY measure Chicago dispatches, yesterday morning, predicted a still greater rise. The iron trade is in such a prosperous condition now that it has already knocked the McKINLEY advocates into smithereens and again it goes still further on the good Democratic way of prosperity there will be no hope left for protectionists and their robber tariff theories.

The Republicans who are wondering why FRANK WILLING LEACH did not include Mr. CHARLES EMORY SMITH in his quota of Philadelphians who would make desirable successors to United States Senator CAMERON are certainly dummies of the most colossal order. The idea of QUAY'S trusted manager putting Mr. SMITH in line for senatorial honors would appear as a joke, rather than as serious contemplation. Mr. SMITH, being editor of a paper that has done everything in its power to down the boss—be that to its credit—is not the man who is likely to be touched by LEACH'S finger of preferment. If there is one thing QUAY does more than another it is to reward his friends and punish enemies and it is altogether probable that he reckons Mr. SMITH among the latter.

The Revenue Deficiency.

It is estimated that the deficiency of revenue furnished by the present tariff will amount to \$12,000,000 on the first of next January. This deficit will be paraded as an evidence of the inefficiency of the new tariff, and will encourage the protectionists to demand higher rates of duties. Already they are urging the necessity of restoring the tariff on wool, and an increase of the duties on woollen goods. It is not in their line of policy to inquire whether this could not be made up from some source of internal revenue. A tax of another dollar on each barrel of beer brewed would more than supply it, but Republican statesmanship would rather tax the clothing of the people than the beer of the brewers.

The present tariff was intended as a revenue measure, and it would have been amply sufficient for that purpose if it had not been shorn of one of its adjuncts, an income tax. It was not the intention to raise superfluous revenue that would be a temptation to extravagant expenditures, but just enough for necessary expenses and an economical administration of the government. With the aid of an income tax the new tariff would have fully answered that purpose, but when that most just and righteous of taxes had to be sacrificed in the interest of wealth, a deficiency in the amount of revenue intended to be raised was an inevitable consequence.

In supplying what has been lost by not taxing the incomes of the wealthy, will a Republican Congress dare to shift this taxation onto the clothing of the people? If they do, it will take GROVER just about two minutes to kill such a measure with his veto.

An Opinion That Doesn't Carry Much Weight.

In view of the agitation of the woman question, arising out of the failure of the fair sex to vote themselves a franchise privilege, at the recent election held in Massachusetts for the purpose of giving them an opportunity of showing their wishes on the subject, the Philadelphia Press recently solicited the opinions of a number of Congressmen, Senators, noted women and clergymen on the subject. Among the number was that of ex-Senator JOHN J. INGALLS, of Kansas, who answered the query, as to what he thought women would amount to in Congress, as follows:

"It would depend very much on the kind of women. If they were disciplined parliamentarians, philosophic thinkers, trained debaters, students of history, acquainted with political economy, accomplished in oratory, and exempt from all incidents of maternity, the result might be beneficial."

From this response it will be seen that Mr. INGALLS has a fine conception of what should constitute an ideal lawmaker, but his opinion smacks of narrow-mindedness because of its requiring more from woman than man has ever developed.

He sets up a standard which he knows will never be attained by either sex and such sarcasm as is embodied in his opinion becomes particularly obnoxious when his own failure as a disciplined parliamentarian is recalled. There is one thing quite certain, that if women were in Congress they would never be guilty of using such foul and obscene language that their male auditors, in the galleries, would be driven from their seats out of very shame.

While we do not advocate the appearance of woman in politics we cannot help resent the condescending imputation of her incompetency coming from such a man as INGALLS.

The startling denouement of the HOLMES' trial, in Philadelphia, has been the serious blight cast on the integrity of one of the most promising attorneys of that city. It seems that the practice of law has come to mean a perversion of justice instead of a lucid propounding of its fundamental precepts with a view toward assisting in punishing the guilty and protecting the innocent. The zeal of the modern lawyer seems to know no bounds and advantage is taken of every trifling technicality to procure the acquittal of men who are self-convicted criminals.

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

Schemes of Expenditure.

The proposition to expend about \$150,000,000 in the construction of fortifications along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts will no doubt be a favorite scheme with the Republican Congress that is about to go into session. Such construction would require the outlay of a vast amount of public revenue, and it will find favor with Republican law-makers, not only on account of their disposition to indulge in extravagant expenditure, but also because such expense creates the necessity for the maintenance of a high tariff policy.

It has always been the plan of the tariff party to squander the public revenue so that tariff taxation would be required as a means of replenishing the treasury that is exhausted by such extravagance. Economical administration does not need such a source of revenue, and therefore the public funds must be wasted in order that the tariff system demanded by the monopolistic interests may be necessitated as a source of revenue to meet such expense.

It was for this purpose, and not from a source of gratitude to the soldiers, that a lavish pension system was instituted. It was calculated by the supporters of the trusts and monopolies, that by entailing this immense pension expense upon the country the necessity for high tariffs would be perpetuated, and they have calculated with such shrewdness that it is seen that not only has the necessity for a vast amount of revenue been created by this means, but a large class of our voters have been corrupted by indirect bribery into the support of this policy.

It is now proposed to extend the necessity for tariff taxation by expending an immense sum of money on fortifications which are of problematical utility as a means of defense which we may never need. QUAY intends to supplement this expense by an extensive scheme of internal improvements that will call for thirty or forty millions a year.

A nice project is this that is entertained by the McKINLEY-ites who propose to institute such expenses that a resort to tariff taxation will be rendered indispensable, and the interests of the trusts and monopolies be perpetually maintained.

The Pittsburg Times slurs its party's representatives in an attempt to be funny. In its Wednesday's edition it said: "Brand new Congressmen are in Washington looking at the seats which they hope to fill, but in which many of them, it is to be feared, will only rattle around." This is a fine confession of the rabble of incompetents which the Republican party swept into Congress in its great landslide last fall. There will be more nonentities in the fifty-fourth Congress than in any previous similar gathering and the Times strikes the truth when it acknowledges that many of them will be so small that they will only rattle around in the seats made vacant by brilliant Democratic predecessors.

Bellefonte tax payers have a good reason to complain at their burden. But there seems to be no way out of the depths of debt into which the town has been plunged in past years except by paying it off. Within the past two months poor overseers HEPBURN and MILLER have paid different state hospital bills, amounting to \$2,666.43, leaving an unpaid balance of \$704.7. When it is remembered that that there was a special levy made, not long ago, to clean up the debts of the poor department this late payment will more than likely astonish our readers.

The chairman of the Republican national committee has put the location of the Republican national convention up at auction, to be knocked off to the highest bidder. Chicago, San Francisco and Pittsburg are competing for it, and Chicago is told that if she gives \$54,000 she can have it. Is not this proceeding characteristic of a Republican? There is nothing connected with the party, including its principles, its policy and its leaders, that can not be bought with money. It does not appear to have any higher object than boodle.

Democratic Stay-at-homes.

From the Altoona Times.

Not a few newspapers of the United States have been intently studying the vote that was cast this year. One thing is at once discovered. It is that a great indifference to the result of the election was shown by many of the voters, especially on the Democratic side. Compared with the vote of 1892 we find that the Democrats polled 155,000 less in New York state this year. The Republican loss was only 18,000. In this state there was still larger defection, the Democratic vote falling off 170,000 and the Republican 60,000. This is unusual, even for an off year. How can we tell what would be the result if the people had voted, as they will next year? Does the absenteeism of these thousands of Democratic voters indicate a temporary dissatisfaction with their party, or do they intend to keep aloof from the Democracy permanently?

In New Jersey also the Democratic vote shows a decided falling off, lending reasonableness to the hope that in a full poll the result would be different. These facts may give some inspiration to the Democrats to struggle for the supremacy, although, at best, it must be admitted that the situation is not encouraging. But it is not disheartening, and, with the knowledge that they have won before when the outlook was just as bad, they will go into the national campaign next year to win.

Honesty Always.

From an interview with the late Geo. W. Childs.

I have always believed that it is possible to unite success in business with strict moral integrity. I am aware that many people think that a man may do things in his public employment which he will not think it right to do in his domestic or private life. I do not agree with this view; and if the record of my life has any value, it is in showing that at least it is not necessary to succeed in business that a man should indulge in "sharp" practices. But even if it were necessary, still it would not follow that it was right. We cannot afford to do or to say a mean thing. There are higher satisfactions than the mere getting of money, and riches cannot compensate a man for the consciousness of having lived a dishonorable and selfish life.

Let Her Violate It Once.

From the Easton Argus.

England professes to feel a great contempt for the Monroe doctrine and her public men and newspapers make that doctrine the source of many a sneer. The fact remains, however, that while not conceding the rights expressed in that proclamation, England is very careful not to violate the sentiment set forth therein. The people over there can sneer all they please, they all know that just as soon as England or any other European nation begins to openly act as those sneers signify they feel, something is going to happen.

Only Possible Under Republican Law.

From the Wayne county Herald.

The leather trust, not content with the tremendous advance they have made in the price of leather in the past few months, have shut down one hundred tanneries for sixty days. This action serves the double purpose of enhancing the price of an indispensable commodity and of decreasing the demand, and consequently the price, for hides. The members of such trusts are simply organized robbers who make the ordinary public stand and deliver according to the completeness of their organizations.

A Queer Diet.

From the Philadelphia Journal.

On Thursday while out hunting Geo. W. Naugle, the jeweler, killed a pheasant that had in its craw a green snake about one foot in length. The digestive organ had gotten away with three or four inches of the tail of the snake, the remainder protruding from the gizzard. Mr. Naugle has the snake and gizzard preserved in alcohol.

Right, By Jimmy!

From the Wilkesbarre Sun.

One to two Poke Hollow ladies who recently visited this city sent a letter home as follows: "We attracted a good deal of attention while promenading the streets like other ladies and holding up our cloze. Nobody isn't nothin' now which don't hold up their cloze, and the hier you hold 'em the more attenshun you attract."

Looking Askance.

From the Philadelphia Times.

On the level Thanksgiving looks like a fine institution. It must be remembered the turkey only takes a bird's eye view of it.

Not Straining Themselves.

From the York Dispatch.

There are many men trying to be good in this world, but they are not breaking their suspenders in the effort.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Falling coal killed John Stambok at Shamokin.

A savage dog dangerously bit little Martin Hines at Pittston.

The Spirit says that every industry in Clearfield is running all time.

Owing to the increased city debt, Pittsburg's tax rate will be increased.

The Pennsylvania Railroad may build a new passenger station at Altoona.

W. T. Garner has been appointed fourth-class postmaster at Woodruff.

The State Christian Alliance elected W. F. H. Sent, of Altoona, president.

The Clearfield county court begins Dec. 2nd, and continues three weeks.

A. W. Mulholland has been appointed a fourth class postmaster at Rathmel.

Supposed human bones were found in a cave on the Carpenter farm at Raubsville.

Pottsville Young Men's Christian Association will organize a uniformed boys' brigade.

York lawyers have organized the Sharswood Society, with W. B. Gemmill president.

Falling under the cars at South Delta, York County, Thomas Marley was crushed to death.

Evan H. Hughes, a miner of Dravosburg, has just fallen heir to a \$300,000 estate in California.

The Allegheny County tobacco dealers defrauded the Government by selling unstamped cigars.

Miss Della Dunn, an inmate of the Warren Insane Asylum, hanged herself with the bed sheet.

Mrs. A. J. Kittell of Loreto has a single chrysanthemum on which 2,499 blooms and buds were counted.

The Patriotic Order of the Sons of America is growing largely in membership in Clearfield county.

Charged with the murder of John Skokowski at Lattimer, Cooper Moskvytch has been arrested.

A train at Smithville, near Wilkesbarre, struck and killed Jacob Devo, who was driving in a wagon.

The Lackawanna & Western Coal Company has reduced the hours of work at its mines from 11 to 9 a day.

When ejected from a trolley car near Mt. Carmel two men put rocks upon the track and nearly caused a wreck.

In a freight train wreck on the Lebanon Valley Railroad, near Reading, Paul Skutgar, a ride stealer, was killed.

Rumor says that W. K. Vanderbit may give a portion of his art collection to the Carnegie Gallery at Pittsburg.

There is a project, behind which is large capital, to erect a large and commodious market house in Williamsport.

In a freight wreck on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, at Howard Station, Brakeman W. T. Paronoid was killed.

The two missing lads from Mahanoy City, John Beavan and Richard Phillips, were found with a stranger at Lebanon.

Allegheny City is giving her rival across the river, Pittsburg, an object lesson in securing a first-class water supply.

Grace Evangelical church, at South Easton, which has been renovated, was rededicated Sunday by Bishop Bowman.

Too deaf to hear the cars aged Eysander Stocker, near Carbondale, was struck and killed while walking upon the track.

A train cap was thrown into a stove at Shamokin and the explosion that followed tore off Mrs. Wallack's right hand.

According to the new interpretation of the law, city undertakers must pay a registration fee of \$10 and a license fee of \$25.

Congressman J. A. Scranton and Milhoirnoir William Connell are in a hot fight at Scranton over a Majority candidate.

Williamsport alderman Friday married an aged pair. They were William Gardner aged 72 years and Mary Gardner, aged 68.

Lancaster Court enjoined the Dubs Evangelical faction from interfering with the Bowmanites in worshipping in the Manheim church.

Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows will ask the State Grand Lodge for permission to build a home for orphans and widows at Sunbury.

Samuel Black, who is accused of stealing \$100 worth of clothing and jewelry from M. Black, of Norristown, was captured in New York city.

The National Hardware Association's Executive Committee met at Pittsburg to prepare reports for the convention to be held there next week.

The water supply has run out at Mahanoy Plane and Gilberton, and the citizens are supplied with water from Frackville, which is hauled in wagons.

Meadville Councils voted to accept the application of the Meadville Street Railway Company for a franchise, contingent upon the payment of \$100 bonus.

A well known citizen of Meadville, Abram Wheeler, was arrested, charged with being the father of Miss Reltz's child, that was thrown from a window and killed.

Elizabeth Jackson, an aged colored woman, chief witness in a pension case to be tried in Philadelphia this week, died suddenly at the Pennsylvania Railroad station at Harrisburg.

One of the huge vessels filled with metal was overturned in the Bessemer department of the Pennsylvania steel works at Harrisburg Monday and five men were burned more or less seriously. Two brothers, William and Frank Given were the worst injured.

In Clearfield county a disease known as "pink eye" is prevailing among the horses to a considerable extent. Dry dusty country roads are thought to have affected the eyes of cattle and horses in that section, and "pink eye" never was worse in Clearfield county than it is at present.

Miriam Green, an eccentric recluse in Clay township, Huntingdon county, died of general debility on the 12th inst. She lived by herself on a farm and was a familiar figure in nearby towns. She was married once to William Grissinger, who deserted her. She was 75 years old, leaves some property, but no children survive her.