

Ink Slings.

The message sounds exactly like CLEVELAND. As Christmas time grows on apace the bad boy takes on the good boy's face.

There will be no room for doubting our assertion that Czar REED will promptly exile every Democrat he can.

MARK TWAIN says the Arabs will take anything but a job. We suppose he is right, but he needn't blame the Arabs for being the only people with such a falling.

Because the women have published a woman's edition of the Bible they are being called anarchists in religion. If blowing up is the chief aim of anarchy then women are anarchists in everything.

The result of Republican trouble makers having been out of a job was seen when two hundred and seventy-two bills and eleven joint resolutions were introduced in the Senate the first day of its sitting.

Professor DYNCH, of the Kansas university, has turned up with a determined plan to find the north pole. Now such a foolish undertaking does not seem so foolish when inaugurated by a man with such a name.

The Sultan of Turkey is said to be in misery because he fears the powers have decided to depose him. If they would behead him, as so many Christians have been in his heathen land, he would have something to be in misery for.

It is too bad that the English papers do not coincide with President CLEVELAND's views, as expressed in his last message. For the Republicans are forthwith deprived of the pleasure it affords them to say that he is hand in glove with JOHN BULL.

Governor HASTINGS went to Gettysburg, Wednesday, to inspect the new monuments recently put up on the battlefield. Being such a hero, himself, he is eminently the proper fellow to approve the shafts that commemorate those who have gone before.

The question of a pardon for JOHN BARDSLEY has come before the public at last and we suppose that such as are urging this clemency on the board of pardons will apologize for their actions by saying he has as much right to a pardon as any other criminal.

Possibly no festal day, known to America, has degenerated so much in its purpose as has Thanksgiving. Originally designed as a day of prayerful thanks to our Creator, for the many blessings He has bestowed, it has become so perverted in purpose as to be a gala day for gluttons.

We have never thought much of DAVID B. HILL, since he played obstructionist in the 53rd Congress, but we couldn't help thinking, "them's my sentiments too," when we read his Minneapolis speech. DAYE doesn't think it is right that four-fifths of all the good government department offices should be manned by Republicans. Neither do we.

The Pittsburg Times reports that "the representatives of the powers at Constantinople, had another meeting yesterday (Monday) to discuss the question as to how they could do nothing most gracefully." Were it not that the necks of so many poor Christians are at stake we would suggest that the Times advise them to wait and watch the new Republican Congress.

Mexico's President has drawn the line on bull fighting. Are we to believe from this that a moral reform has really swept over DIAZ, or, may-haps, the failure to get bulls that were foolish enough to charge the banderillero has been the real cause. If the truth is known the bulls have lately shown more sense than the Mexicans and as they won't fight any longer there is of a necessity an end to the bull fighting.

The conviction of WALTER S. LANGORSMAN for criminal assault on Miss BARBARA AUB, in New York, will be a great injury to the cause of justice in that city. Though the man was known as a wretch, capable of doing anything, the young woman has since confessed herself guilty of perjury in his accusation and he is now free and she a convict. This simply goes to show that even justice fails in her search of truth.

When that colored minister, who aspired to be chaplain of the House at Washington, gets over the effect of his knock-out he will realize what a goose he has been. He might have known that the only use the Republicans have for the colored man is for his vote. They don't need them at any other time and demonstrated it in a very effective way in the election for chaplain, on Tuesday, when the highly respectable and intelligent colored divine received only two votes from the two hundred and forty-four Republican members, whose election was possibly, only, through the vote of his race.

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A Farcical Investigation.

Philadelphia is now the scene of a ridiculous farce that is being played by a so-called investigating committee. The ostensible object of this body of Senatorial investigators is to overhaul the methods of the city's municipal administration and expose the corrupt practices of those who control its government. How this is being done may be judged from the motive that actuated the appointment of such a committee.

Nothing was more remote from the original object of this movement than the desire to uncover and correct abuses, it having had its origin in a fight between two corrupt factions. One of these gangs thought it could gain an advantage over the other by securing the appointment of a committee that would threaten to expose the rascalities it practiced in the city government. The gang so threatened could be put and kept in a hole by such a whip held over it by the other faction, but the idea of making exposure that would "hurt the party" was never entertained by the investigators.

That there was no intention of an earnest investigation was proven by the fact that although this committee had been appointed early in the summer it allowed political considerations to defer its getting to work until after the election, and now that it has put itself down to its alleged business it is careful not to thrust its probe into the city's municipal system in which the most rottenness is known to exist. Witnesses are called to prove facts which everybody is acquainted with, such as that the city paving is badly done; that charges are made for material that is not delivered; that the street cleaning is not performed according to contract; that the garbage is not properly disposed of, and that the city is made to pay for work that has not been done.

These irregularities have been so apparent and so well known that they did not require an investigating committee to disclose them; but while these pretending investigators are trifling with these self-evident facts, they are careful that their inquiry shall not extend to the corruption that pervades the entire municipal management. A few delinquent contractors will be exposed, but care will be exercised to conceal the fact that the treasury of the city is made the spoil of the ring of politicians who control the party machinery; that contracts are given to henchmen who support the machine and divide the spoils with the managers; that the city elections are manipulated in the interest of this system of spoliation; that the councilmanic function is chiefly employed in enabling corporations and monopolies to rob the city and oppress the citizens, and that the heaviest burden of the taxpayers consists of the contributions they are forced to make for the enrichment of the ringsters who have secured the political control of the municipality.

This is the basic corruption that underlies the municipal government of Philadelphia, but it will not be reached by the probe of the senatorial investigators. They will merely report some irregularities in contracts that will be represented as being of a character that can be easily reformed "within the party;" the mayor will promise "to use his influence" for the election of "good men" to councils; the feud between the factions, from which the investigating committee originated, will be fixed up in the interest of harmony, and the fanatical, tariff crazy population of the city will go on voting for "protection," and rolling up majorities at their municipal elections in support of the party ringsters who rule and rob them.

Moving for Bardsley's Pardon.

A petition for the pardon of JOHN BARDSLEY, the notorious embezzler of public funds in Philadelphia, is now before the pardoning authorities of the State and it may be expected that among the next acts of this State administration will be the liberating of the State's most notorious criminal before he has paid one-third of the penalty imposed upon him for his crime.

The movement for such a defeat of

the ends of justice is being conducted by some of the leading Republican officials in Philadelphia, prominent among whom is General LOUIS WAGNER, president of the board of city trusts and a commissioner of the sink fund, who, in such a position, sets a bad example in asking for the pardon of a man who, in an office similar to his own, betrayed the public trust by embezzling money committed to his charge. General WAGNER, as a public official, displays a dangerous demoralization in setting no stronger mark of condemnation on such an offense than he displays in moving for the pardon of the offender.

But it has been said from the beginning of the BARDSLEY case that higher officials than himself were involved in his wrong doing, and that he was, during the time the extradition of the Senate was investigating these rascalities, promised a pardon from the next Republican Governor, if he would refrain from exposing them. This pardon, of course, could not be expected from the Democratic Governor who was then in office; but a Governor and pardon board, suitable for the purpose, is now in power, and BARDSLEY demands the fulfillment of the conditions upon which he has kept silent. It is said that he is becoming impatient and threatens the scamps, who are involved with him, that if they do not carry out their contract he will demand to go before the senatorial investigation committee and peach on his pals.

This is sufficient cause for the earnest movement that is now being made to give the old embezzler his freedom, and this is the right kind of a State administration to extend relief to a culprit who threatens to criminate leading Republicans if he is not granted a pardon. The kind of honor that exists among thieves will eventuate in BARDSLEY'S liberation.

The Turkish Atrocities.

The cruelties practiced upon the Christian subjects of the Sultan by the barbarism of the Turks is a grievance to humanity and shocks the civilized sentiment of the age. If Turkey was an impregnable power, so strong in its might that it could defy outside interference and commit its outrages with impunity, there would then be some substantial reason why its Christian people should be allowed to suffer, but in view of the fact that she is a broken down and decrepit power, continuing to exist only by the sufferance of the stronger nations of Europe, the permission that is given her to persecute her helpless Christian population is a disgrace to the Christian powers that have so long stood by and seen this barbarism being perpetrated.

This culpable inaction is entirely attributable to the jealousy that exists between the great powers of Europe. They are kept from moving for the punishment and dismemberment of Turkey and the deliverance of her Christian subjects, by a fear that in the division of the spoils one would get more than another. In 1877, Russia had Constantinople within her grasp, and would have annexed Armenia, which is now the scene of the atrocious treatment of Christians, England, Germany and other leading powers interfered and maintained the Turkish power in the countries which it has so long abused.

England has been the principal offender in upholding the Turkish nationality and consequently the oppression of Christian subjects. Her India interests make her jealous of every acquisition of territory that Russia may make in Asia, and from so selfish a motive she would prefer that Turkish misrule should continue than that Russian influence should advance towards the borders of her Indian possessions.

Shame may drive England into changing her policy in this matter, but up to this time she is largely responsible for the Armenian and other Christian blood that has been shed in Turkey.

Pittsburg's "JACK the hugger" has been caught. It is altogether probable that the streets out that way will not be so crowded with women for a while, at least.

Official Misdoing.

The conviction and sentence of county commissioner JOHN HURD, of Blair county, for mal-administration in office is an object lesson the like of which has not been afforded the public for some time. It too frequently happens that men who have been elected to places of public trust and emolument take advantage of the confidence reposed in them. There are many ways in which public officials attempt to enrich themselves under the system commonly known as "picking" and it is to be regretted that so many cases of these pernicious practices come to light. Familiarity with any offense seems to lessen its gravity, particularly so with this class. Men whose honesty none have dared question have fallen into the habit of "picking," unconscious of the crime they were committing, but when once the fruits are realized there is sufficient incentive to continue and on a more remunerative scale.

This crime can be accounted for in two ways. In the first place honest men are often elected to an office the salary of which would be sufficient to maintain them if they were content to continue living in the style that had satisfied them previous to their political preferment. The tendency of humanity is upward, however, and such an one scarcely finds himself installed in office until he begins to have new wants, altogether incommensurate, which his salary will not procure. There is but one thing to be done, if there is not a dogged purpose to deny such wants, find a way to increase the income. When a man once determines on such a course the ultimate end is easily foreseen, unless he happens to be shrewd enough to thoroughly cover his tracks.

The other failing, so often found in public officials and which is largely responsible for this frequent resort to "picking," is the idea that an incumbent has not made the most of his opportunity if he has not become practically "fixed" for life during his tenure of office. There is a mistaken idea as to what a salary is for. It is not to pay a man twice as much as his services are worth, but merely to procure one who will be capable of attending to its duties in a satisfactory manner. If men would make up their minds, before they seek office, that election thereto is not an evidence that the people have voted them a life annuity or that they are expected to live in different style than when they were nothing more than aspirants there would be less trouble of this sort and fewer men compelled to undergo the ignominy of public disgrace.

A Cause of Apathy.

The Louisville Courier Journal has learned from reliable authority in the departments at Washington that, although this is a Democratic administration, the Republicans still have eight-tenths of all the best offices in those departments. This estimate might be too high, yet there can be no doubt that many of the most responsible places are held by men who are not in political accord with the administration.

Such an arrangement might agree with the fanciful ideas of those who believe that politics contaminates the civil service, but it conflicts with the practice of those old Democratic worthies of the past whose action showed their conviction that the policy of a political party can be carried out only by those who believe in its principles. ANDREW JACKSON was a conspicuous exemplar of the old-fashioned Democratic practice of entrusting responsible official service, under a Democratic administration, to none but those who adhered to and maintained its measures from political conviction.

In these days, when Democratic defeats are being explained by attributing them to Democratic apathy, might not the cause of much of that apathy be traced to the circumstance that under a Democratic administration members of the opposite party are allowed to fill places that should be filled by Democrats?

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

The President's Message.

From the Philadelphia Times. President Cleveland's message to Congress is a plain, matter-of-fact, but vigorous presentation of the important question upon which Congress will be called to act. It gives an elaborate presentation of our relations with all foreign governments, and we give the full text of what he says about the insurrection in Cuba, the atrocities in Turkey, the Venezuela dispute and other important international questions. The President is very emphatic in his expressions relating to the murderous outrages perpetrated upon the Armenians in Turkey, but the tone of his discussion of the Cuba question is in accord with a severe interpretation of international obligations rather than with the unmistakable sympathies of the American people.

Republicans Have No Use for the Colored Man, Except for His Vote.

From the Phila. Evening Telegraph, (Rep.) One incident of the Republican House caucus will not pass without notice. A prominent and seemingly quite popular colored clergyman of Washington aspired to the position of Chaplain. He received just two votes. It is the same old story, somewhat emphasized in this particular. The colored man and brother owes much to the Republican party, but its leading politicians do not want the account to get into awkward shape. They do not propose to make such recognition as might be embarrassing under certain circumstances. The water pail and the tin cup may still be utilized during the procession. Prominent places of honor will be reserved. There is nothing like keeping the colored voter on a string. The next Republican President will have a fine chance to make a new departure, should he be a man of courage and fairness. A representative of the colored race in the Cabinet would make a sensation, and yet stranger things have happened.

Young Man, Think Well Before You Speak.

From the Columbia Independent. Young man, when you are courting your girl don't make too many promises. Don't say "these little hands will never do a stroke of work when you are mine, and you shall have nothing to do in our house but sit all day and chirp to the canaries," as if any sensible woman could be happy fooling away time in that sort of style. A girl has a fine retentive memory for the soft things and silly promises of courtship, and occasionally, in after years, when she is bending over the wash tub or patching the west end of your trousers, she will remind you of them in a cold, sarcastic tone of voice.

Honored With the Red Hat.

From the Doylestown Democrat. At a secret consistory held at Rome on Friday, the Pope presiding, nine new Cardinals were created, one of them being SATOLLI, the papal delegate to the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. The Pope, in the course of his allocution, dwelt upon the gravity of the situation in Turkey, and added that the Holy See was not indifferent to the distress of the Armenians, but desired to see the various people of the Ottoman empire governed upon principles of equality and equity.

The Difference.

From the Frankfort Gazette. "A lawyer in a court room may call a man a liar, scoundrel, villain or thief, and no man makes a complaint when court adjourns, but if a newspaper prints such a reflection on a man's character, there is a libel suit or a dead editor. This is probably owing to the fact that people believe what an editor says, while what the lawyer says is regarded as so much slander paid for in cash."

For Bellefonte Sceptics.

From the Easton Argus. The frauds of spiritualism have been so often exposed that it seems impossible that anyone should have faith in the alleged manifestations. The arrest of a supposed spirit and medium in New York and the very material resistance of both will add to the number of sceptics, but it would be folly to believe that spiritualism will find no more dupes.

The People Would Settle It.

From the Detroit Free Press. There is being a good deal of anxiety wasted over the discussion of a third term for President Cleveland. He cannot nominate himself and should it transpire that the people want him for the place we know of no higher authority to which an appeal could be taken.

Strap Oil Needed.

From the Irwin Standard. Many of our exchanges are strongly in favor of a curfew bell, at 9 o'clock in the evening, to hustle the kids off the streets. When we were a kid our mother used a piece of barrel stave for a curfew, which brought us in quicker than any bell would have done, and if mothers do their duty there would be no need to ring bells.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Ralph Edmondson was found dead in bed at Norristown.

Falling coal in a Pittston colliery mortally crushed Matthias Kingla.

Lack of water closed the East Lebanon Iron Mill Saturday evening.

A sugar beet factory backed by \$150,000 capital will be built near Milwaukee.

Rushing coal in Packer Colliery, near Shenandoah, killed Joseph Wichinsky.

A fall of coal in a mine near Pine Grove crushed lifeless John Urbenhow.

A naked lamp exploded gas in a Pitts ton mine, fatally burning John Rozinel.

Reading people are pleased over the new law creating a department of public works.

St. John's Catholic Church at Altoona extensively repaired, was rededicated Sunday.

A Lehigh Valley Railroad locomotive ran down and killed Charles Valkert, at Easton.

There was another airing at Pittsburg Monday of the Anti-Cruelty Society scandal.

The wages of Schuylkill miners this month will be eight per cent, below the \$2.50 basis.

Having eaten paris green, Jacob Markey, of York township, York County, soon expired.

The Carbonate Herald says the remarkable thing about that town is the "moral cleanness."

Highwaymen robbed and dangerously shot Mr. Verdigran, a young farmer near Greensburg.

An alibi saved James Fiesler, on trial at Wilkesbarre for complicity in the Barney Reich murder.

The Clearfield Monitor says "Let us all be thankful" that the poor house is almost completed.

Lancaster City Republicans elected Alderman D. L. Deen chairman of the executive committee.

There were granted this year 625 charters by the State, of which 478 were for manufacturing concerns.

Centre county farmers will hold institutes at Hebersburg and Unionville, from January 14 to January 18.

The Schuylkill Controllership fight was carried to Harrisburg for argument before the Attorney General.

Altoona, which has had water only four hours a day for two months Saturday went back to full ration.

Beginning Monday the Philadelphia Reading colliers at Shenandoah returned to nine hours' a day work.

William Martin, foreman of the carpenters on the Beech Creek, is a candidate for the Jersey Shore postmastership.

Falling on a board walk at Pottstown the wife of ex County Commissioner Hiram Burdun was seriously injured.

By a Court decision at Easton the Bowman Evangelicals obtain possession of the Bethel Mission Church at that place.

Of the 1063 foreign corporations that during the year opened branch offices in Pennsylvania more than half located in Philadelphia.

Felix Schuler, aged 85 years, was sent to jail at Shamokin, charged by his son-in-law, Emanuel Gotschall, with threatening to hit him bodily harm.

Coal Operator T. D. Stein, who cheated his miners at Idlewood, Allegheny County, by false weights, was fined \$500 and sent to jail for three months.

Oscar Conrad, of Craighill, Susquehanna County, in climbing a fence on his return home from hunting was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Confessing that he had criminally assaulted 12-year-old Emma Mahan, Evan P. Brabson, aged 16, was sentenced at Lancaster to the Huntingdon Reformatory.

A peculiar disease has made its appearance at Williamsport, fatal in most instances, which perplexes and confounds the medical fraternity of that locality.

William Edwards of Williamsport, shot his wife the other day because he was jealous of her without a cause. Her neighbors represent her as an upright woman.

Philadelphia City Commissioners will to-day visit the Attorney General at Harrisburg to hold a conference regarding the local act relating to sealers of weights and measures.

John Thompson, aged 12 years, son of David Thompson, of Glen Campbell, on Friday fell from coal tipple No. 3 at that place and was killed. He was engaged in trapping at the time.

On what is known as Yallowmont Knob, in the suburbs of Williamsport, a half mile trotting course is to be constructed, when finished it is claimed will be the finest in the state for the speeding of horses.

Nicholas Clark, a shoemaker aged 63 years, was killed in his shop on Wednesday night at Mahaffey, it is alleged, by William Dayton, a railroad man. The men were alone when the act was committed, and no one knows the motive. Dayton did not know his victim was dead until he was arrested.

The State board of undertakers had a consultation in Harrisburg on Friday with Deputy Attorney General Elkin in reference to several points raised on the new law governing undertakers in the cities of the commonwealth. The board proposes to have licenses in the hands of all undertakers under its jurisdiction before December 7. Undertakers who have not taken out licenses before that time will be required to undergo an examination, for which they will be charged a fee of \$25.

In July 1893, Jacob M. Smith, a farmer living a few miles from Penfield, set a milk trap on top of a chestnut post to catch an owl that was carrying away his fowls. The next morning the staple was broken off and the trap was gone. On Thanksgiving night this year Smith set another trap and at 7 o'clock he found it a large owl. When he killed it he discovered his other trap and chain fast to its left leg, the bird having carried them for over five years. The owl measured four and one half feet from tip to tip of wings.