

Ink Sittings.

Havana must burn, said a Cuban sympathizer, the other day, as he lighted a three-for-a-quarter cigar.

England still insists that she is for peace and that is the very reason that Venezuela and the Transvaal are kicking.

There is one thing very certain. If old man MORTON proves not as easy plucking as Republican leaders imagine him to be he will not be the candidate of that party for President.

Poor LORD TENNYSON would not be able to rest easy if the trash that his successor is regaling the English people with ever reaches his eyes. England can make a poet laureate but she can't make a TENNYSON.

So FOSTER thinks HARRISON would not accept the Republican nomination for President, even if it is tendered him. We wouldn't like to tack our good looks onto such an offer if we ever cared to be handsome again.

GEORGE MOORE, the Altoona boy who loaded his gun to shoot the old year out and the new year in, then shot his big toe off instead, was almost as good a marksman as the "supple Dick" told about in nursery rhymes.

They say there is a dearth of marines in our navy. Secretary HERBERT should send an enlistment officer to Bellefonte. There are plenty of men sitting on store boxes up here who can fairly eat the navy up.

The ROTHSCHILDS, Germany and Russia have all expressed their inability to take our bonds. This would indicate that they don't have the gold to purchase them with. Where is the gold then; if they don't have it? Let us look about, maybe some fellows like JERRY SIMPSON have their socks full.

It is rumored now that Queen VICTORIA will demand an apology from her recalcitrant grand-son, the Emperor of Germany, for ruffing up in such warlike fashion. It would just be like WILLIAM to tell his grand-mamma-in-law that her apron string don't bind him in any way.

Miss CLARA BARTON, and her aides in the Red-Cross society, will sail for Armenia next Wednesday to administer to the suffering Christians in that land. If they get there in time to rescue any of those poor creatures from the heathen slaughter they will appear as angels of mercy to those whom they will have saved.

The Lancaster Intelligencer devotes nearly a half column of its editorial space, in recent issue, to telling the people of that town "how to get real water." Too much trouble, neighbor, for you to go to. Let the milkmen and liquor sellers of your town advise the people where they can get real water. They will know far better than you.

"Crazy Horse" the Pawnee chief, who thought his medicine man had discovered a bullet proof decoction and then invited his tribe to assemble to witness its trial on his brother, killed the latter at the first shot. Of course the dead Indian will parade the happy hunting ground with all the air of one who has died for the promotion of science.

About the most note-worthy feature in the recent BELMONT-VANDERBILT wedding was their attempt to keep the affair a secret. The country owes this pair something, at least, for having spared it a repetition of the gush that over-lapped in many newspapers when the now Mrs BELMONT's daughter was married to the Duke of Marlborough last fall.

The patriots continue capturing mules and medicine chests on the island of Cuba. Possibly this thing of leaving so many animals fall into the hands of the insurgents is a preconceived scheme of General CAMPOS' to have them all kicked into eternity when the proper time comes. The hind legs of a Spanish mule are about as death dealing as any of the modern engines of war.

An English scientist has invented a new light that is said to be simply marvelous in its intensity. It will shine clear through a sheet of aluminum and even penetrate a number of books. If such a light ever becomes useful as an illuminant we might as well make up our minds to go back to ADAM and EVE's manner of dress. There will be no hiding our nakedness from view with such a light on the streets.

Whatever else may be said about editor DANA, of the New York Sun, he must be given credit for the promptness with which he has endorsed President CLEVELAND's foreign policy. It is well known that there is no love lost between the two, but it has surprised many that DANA didn't change his mind about what ought to be done with regard to foreign complications rather than find himself forced to applaud the action of a man whose whole career he has tried to wreck.

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England's Numerous Foes.

The clouds of war have suddenly gathered from an entirely unexpected quarter and seem ready to burst upon the nations of Europe. Some months ago the probability of war presented itself in the East, where the powers had assembled their naval armaments to restrain the Turkish persecution of the Armenians, and, if occasion should require it, to fight over the division of the dominion of the Turk. But almost as speedily as a scene can be changed in a theatrical performance, the scene of threatened hostilities is shifted from eastern Asia to southern Africa. The obscure Boers of the Transvaal have fired a shot that is heard around the world and maybe the prelude to the bloodiest conflict that has stained the pages of modern history.

If from this Transvaal incident a war involving the European powers should ensue, England will be responsible for it. It is not merely this single act of aggression on an obscure people in South Africa that has excited the enmity of other nations. When the Emperor of Germany takes up the cause of the Boers he means a good deal more than that. His purpose is to serve notice on Great Britain that it is about time to cease the aggressions by which she has been increasing her dominions in every part of the world, and such notice, coming from Germany, is very similar in intent to the position taken by President CLEVELAND that Venezuela should not be robbed of her territory by this grasping power.

The movement of the Emperor of Germany in the Transvaal affair is backed by the sympathy of every other nation in Europe. The greed of Britain in the acquisition of territory is a grievance to all of them. The enmity of France has been excited by it. She remembers, with anger, that valuable colonial possessions formerly held by her are now in the possession of England, and she sees her old enemy continuing to exclude her from the acquisition of desirable territory. Russia finds the same power barring her progress in southern Asia, and Italy, which is becoming ambitious of possessing colonies, is equally incensed at a power that has seized the choice bits of this earth's surface, leaving very little to be occupied by other nations as colonial territory.

It is this land greed of the English nation, this overbearing determination to grasp everything worth having, that has turned the united enmity of Europe against her. The Emperor of Germany's movement is but an expression of this general sentiment. England has made herself the Ishmael of nations, and if she shall find the hand of banded Europe raised against her it will be the natural consequence of her rapacious policy.

A Matter of Small Consequence.

There may be some truth in the remarks of the Philadelphia Record that Senator JONES, of Nevada, would render a service to the Republican party by smothering the REED-DINGLEY tariff bill in the Senate committee on finance. As a revenue measure this bill is a thorough fraud, both for the reason that there is no need for revenue that is not sufficiently supplied by the WILSON tariff, and that if more revenue was really needed, this bill would rather diminish than increase it. Therefore the Record believes that JONES would put the Republicans under obligations by preventing them from perpetrating such a fraud.

But has not the reputation of the old party been so damaged by its fraudulent practices in tariff legislation that it could be made any worse by such a fake as the REED-DINGLEY revenue bill? It makes but little difference, however, whether this bill is tied up in the Senate or not. President CLEVELAND would give it the proper attention with his veto if Congress should pass it.

The Philadelphia Times Almanac for 1896, a compendium of statistical information that makes it of particular value to everyone, is out; bearing the ear marks of the excellently executed journal. It is gotten up on the *multum in parvo* plan, so concise that there is no danger of confounding those who seek the information within its covers.

The Dutch Farmers' Republic.

No man whose sense of fair play inclines him to take the part of the weak against the strong can refrain from giving his sympathy to the Dutch Boers of South Africa, who are struggling to maintain their little republic against the encroachment of English power. The well wishes of every generous mind, and particularly of every American, are extended to the Boers whose right to own and govern their own country has been assailed by a marauding nation that has seized upon all the surrounding country and now designs to include the Transvaal in its acquisition of the gold producing territory of that region.

The Boers are the remnant of the original Dutch settlers in South Africa, who migrated to that region more than two hundred years ago. When England robbed Holland of its Cape Colony, about the beginning of this century, and brought the Cape of Good Hope and the adjoining country under British rule, a number of the Dutch inhabitants moved far inland to avoid a supremacy that was uncongenial to them. They were moved by the natural and laudable desire to be their own masters, and that impulse led them to settle beyond the Vaal river, hence the name of Transvaal. They are the Boers (the Dutch name for farmers) of today, who are maintaining their government and independence against the encroachments of a nation whose rule they endeavored to escape many years ago by going into the wilderness far in the interior of South Africa.

All the circumstances of this case are of a character calculated to excite the sympathy of Americans, and hence the feeling of our people will be readily enlisted in Senator MORGAN's resolution that our government recognize the Transvaal republic, as against the suzerainty claimed by England. It is urged against the Senator's resolution that by its adoption our government would be interfering in the affairs of another continent, thus committing an error similar to that which we complain of in England's interference with Venezuela. But there is a difference in the two cases. In the English case there is an attempt to steal Venezuela's territory, while the interference of the United States in the Transvaal matter (if the resolution could be considered an interference) would be nothing more than the exercise of the undoubted right to recognize a sister republic.

The Spring Elections.

We presume that the chairman of the Democratic county committee has, or will, notify the committeemen of the respective districts throughout the county, as to the necessity of giving due notice to the Democratic voters of the time and place of holding the caucus for the nomination of local officers. Too often this matter is overlooked and it is left to a few men to meet, at their pleasure, and name the ticket the balance of the Democratic people are expected to support. Out of the disappointments that spring from the attempted dictation of the few, to name who the masses of the party shall support, comes the divisions that eventually bring defeat and disaster to the party. To prevent these disappointments, to give every voter an opportunity to express his preference for local candidates, the time and place of holding the caucuses should be announced long enough before hand for every elector to have due notice, and then those who fail to be on hand can have no reason to "kick," or complain.

This year the election will be held Tuesday February 18th. The local tickets must be certified to the commissioners eighteen days prior to that date; consequently there is now but little time in which to issue a call for the caucuses and to give such notice as should be given to the voters as to the time and place of meeting.

In the WATCHMAN to-day will be found the names of the new committeemen for 1896. It is their duty to see that these local caucuses are held. We have every reason to believe that they will attend to this duty properly, and will see to it that every Democratic voter in their respective districts has the opportunity of attending and expressing his opinions as to the proper men to nominate for local officers.

Intended Only for Votes.

The extent to which it is being attempted to work the tariff hump in the present Congress, preparatory to the coming presidential election, is shown by the amendments to the DINGLEY bill that are being offered in the Senate. The bill was started in the House as an emergency measure, the emergent necessity it was intended to meet being REED's election to the Presidency, and it was claimed that it had no other design than to supply a deficiency of revenue. Since its appearance in the Senate it is being loaded down with additional provisions that are intended more for the raising of votes than the raising of revenue.

As it is a desirable object to get the farmer vote, and tariff hump may be useful in that direction, Senator GEAR, of Iowa, steps forward as the champion of the agricultural interest and offers an amendment to the effect that a duty of \$1.75 per head be imposed on imported cattle, \$1.50 per head on hogs, 4 cents per dozen on eggs, 25 cents a bushel on wheat, and 15 cents on corn.

This attempt to play it off on the farmer will hardly work. With the exception of a few eggs imported from Canada, which do not appreciably affect the price which the American farmer gets for his eggs, all the other articles included in GEAR's amendment never were and never will be affected by foreign competition. They in fact constitute the great bulk of our agricultural exportations to foreign countries. Do these tariff tricksters think that the American farmers can be made to believe that they need protection on products which they send abroad to the amount of millions of dollars worth annually?

This offer of protection is made where it is not needed, but under the cover of such deception the same tariff bill proposes to increase the cost of the farmers' clothing by increasing the duty on woolen goods.

Hill's Defence of the Administration.

It is gratifying to observe the masterly manner in which HILL has come to the defence of the financial policy of the administration, and his success in meeting and refuting the attacks of those who while they are doing all they can to defeat the measure that are necessary to maintain the public credit, are unparalyzing in their abuse of the officials who are devoting their efforts to the performance of that duty.

His answer to the unmanly attack of TELLER upon the integrity and capacity of Secretary CARLISLE completely unhorsed the Senatorial champion of the Colorado silver kings, and when he spoke of the Secretary being a poor man after twenty years of public service, that would have afforded men like TELLER opportunities for the accumulation of millions, at the public expense, such a vindication of the Mr. CARLISLE's honesty as a public official should have brought the blush of shame to the cheek of the bonanza champion.

He defended, with great effect the measures adopted by the administration to protect the gold reserve, turning the table completely on JOHN SHERMAN in regard to syndicates being given the contracts for the gold loans, showing that when SHERMAN was secretary of the treasury he resorted to the very same method, and no objections were made to it by the men who are now abusing Secretary CARLISLE for adopting the same plan. The Secretary gave the last loan to the MORGAN syndicate because they were the only lenders who would guarantee to protect the reserve after the gold had been delivered to the government, and they faithfully performed their guaranty. The Senator declared that the Secretary would be glad to accept more favorable terms for bonds than any that have yet been offered, but where were they to come from? The traders of the Secretary take no account of the difficulties of the service he has to perform, their only object being to embarrass and misrepresent him.

With war a probability in thirteen countries on the face of the earth to-day surely there ought to be something for map makers to live for.

He Would Be a Winner in the West.

From the Columbia Independent.

The Sunbury Democrat strikes the key-note of the coming campaign in Pennsylvania by placing the name of ex-Governor Pattison at the head of its editorial columns as the next Democratic candidate for President. In so doing the Sunbury Democrat but expresses a decidedly popular desire which will, we predict, before many moons, assume the proportions of a general demand. There is no doubt of the fact that ex-Governor Pattison is the coming man. His popularity is not by any means confined to his own State, for already other States are turning to him as the strongest and most available candidate. For example, Charlotte (North Carolina) Observer, in referring to him says: "It is not surprising in view of his popularity in his own State and his splendid standing in the eyes of the Democracy of the Union, that he is much discussed in connection with the presidential nomination next year."

Ex-Governor Pattison stands to-day one of the ablest and foremost Democrats in the land, and when the campaign fully opens no doubt many States will endorse him as the standard bearer of the Democracy for 1896. Whether he would accept the nomination we do not know, but in any event he should be the unanimous choice of the Pennsylvania delegation to the next National convention. If the sentiment in his favor is general throughout the State, as it is in Perry county, there will be little doubt of this result.

He Scared Her to Death.

From the Easton Sentinel.

The practical joker who finds great fun in alarming people, pulling chairs from under them and kindred pleasures, lives and continues to live. He should in all cases have his share of the serious part of his amusement endeavors when they are contributory to injury. A recent case of the joker is reported from Double Springs, Alabama. Joseph Wheeler went hunting with his cousin, Archie Fletcher. He returned to the latter's house for dinner in advance of him, and when Mrs. Fletcher asked him where her husband was, he jestingly pointed to his bed and said it went off accidentally and killed cousin Archie. Mrs. Fletcher screamed and fell to the floor and died almost immediately. The joker fled and the husband is looking for him. If found he should be turned over to the law and adequate punishment should follow. And all practical jokers should be punished according to the injury they are responsible for.

More Tars Wanted.

From the Harrisburg News.

Secretary Herbert's recommendation for an increase in the personnel of the navy is founded on the urgent needs of the service. At least 1,000 more enlisted men should be permanently added to the navy establishment, and there seems to be no good reason why the administration should not have authority to enlarge temporarily the number of seamen and officers whenever a special emergency arises. So long as Congress retains the power to command peace this provision can do no harm, and in the case of a sudden and unexpected crisis it might prove of incalculable value. It is certainly ridiculous to build modern battleships, cruisers and gunboats without providing for a sufficient force to man them. Every measure of this sort is in the interests of peace and safety. The cost of maintaining an adequate navy and well equipped system of coast fortifications is the cheapest form of national insurance.

The South is Getting Stuck on the Exposition Business.

From the Williamsport Sun.

Tennessee will be the first State of the Union to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its admission into the Federation, and she will do it on a grand scale. The State was admitted into the Union on June 1, 1796. For several years the people of Tennessee have been planning to honor the event in a fitting manner, and they are now building at Nashville, the capital city, an exposition that will be larger and more beautiful in detail than any exposition ever held in this country except the World's Fair at Chicago. The exposition will open Sept. 1, 1896, and continue one hundred days.

John Ball's Nose is Long Enough.

From the York Dispatch.

Someone has suggested that the troubles which Great Britain now has on account of certain of her colonies are due to the fact that the world has come to the unanimous opinion that Great Britain is now great enough and that it is about time for her to attend to her own business and let other people alone. This seems to be a pretty fair estimate of the situation.

Out of Foraker's Head.

From the Cincinnati Tribune (Rep.)

It is comforting to know that the Ohio Legislature will be controlled by a gavel made of ten kinds of wood, nine of which came from Hawaii. But where did the other piece come from?

Spawls from the Keystone.

Counterfeit \$5 bills are numerous at Pittston.

Natural gas is practically exhausted at Pittsburg.

Berks county's 6000 dogs will not be taxed this year.

Bradford county will have a new \$150,000 court house.

There are in Lebanon county 107 liquor license applicants.

Aged Daniel Fleck was suffocated in a Shartsville limoklin.

A telegraph pole fell upon and killed George Bagley, at Bedford.

A Philadelphia syndicate will introduce cheaper gas at York.

The till of the Hastings hotel was recently relieved of \$35 in cash.

Pittsburg will spend \$47,000 less for schools this year than in 1895.

A silk mill is to be erected at Sunbury by a company of New York capitalists.

The remains of the actor, John Anderson, were buried Saturday at Bristol.

The First Methodist church of York was re-opened Sunday after extensive alterations.

Domestic woods induced Mrs. Clem Welker, of Sunbury, to try suicide with laudanum.

All Pennsylvania window glass factories in the trust closed Saturday to be idle a month.

A cave in at Plymouth did extensive damage to the Delaware and Hudson's No. 5 colliery.

It cost 10 cents a day, last month, to feed each of the 162 prisoners in Schuylkill county jail.

Secretary Edge says the 75,000 miles of roads in Pennsylvania cost \$4,000,000 yearly for repairs.

Governor Hastings sent a letter and photograph to Harrisburg to prove that he is quite robust.

Samuel Green, who escaped from the Harrisburg lunatic asylum, has arrived at his Altoona home.

Falling between Lehigh Valley cars at Mahanoy city, brakeman Oliver Frankner was decapitated.

Bethlehem iron works shipped 139 tons of turret armor to San Francisco for the battleship Oregon.

Theodore Snyder, who shot an arm off while gunning, is in a critical condition at the Williamsport hospital.

Elk horn tannery at Stroudsburg, and others in the State owned by the tannery trust, has resumed operations.

A Bradford county creamery made 75,000 pounds of butter last year, charging 3 cents a pound for churning it.

About 180 cars of coal per day are now being shipped from the mines in the vicinity of Spangler and Barnesboro.

Tampawanna folks at Bloomsburg favor releasing all old saloons, but are vigorously opposing any new ones.

The Juniata county agricultural society elected James N. Granger, president, and W. R. Wharton, secretary.

The richest child in Allentown is 7-year-old Martin Kemmerer, whose father died last week, leaving him \$25,000 cash.

Solomon Frank, who represents a Philadelphia china store, is said to be the oldest traveling salesman in the State.

Congressman E. M. Woomer, who recently fell and broke a leg at Washington, is now at his Lebanon home convalescing.

Luzerne county is still wrestling with a site for a new court house, and there is a row over the grand jury's recommendation.

United American Mechanics from Danville, Perry, York, Cumberland and Franklin counties, met, Monday, at Harrisburg.

The centennial of the borough of Huntingdon will be celebrated on September 8, 9 and 10. Great preparations are under way.

The two story frame house of William Cree, near Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon.

Collector Shearer, reports an increase of \$33,642.75 in the internal revenue receipts of the Ninth Pennsylvania district for the last quarter.

It is claimed that the electric wires of the railways have recently destroyed \$50,000 worth of underground cables and conduits in Allegheny city.

District attorney Fox, who is sifting the charge of alleged bribery in connection with the Delaware river boulevard at Easton, found no basis for the allegations.

A. K. Kepple, aged 21, a brakeman in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad company, was instantly killed at Morrellville Monday night. He was setting a brake when the wheel broke and he fell to the tracks. His body was terribly mangled.

Miners at Gallitzin have held a meeting and concluded not to go to work, contrary to the action of the strike committee. The notices to resume were torn down. Notwithstanding this action on part of the miners, Taylor & McCoy have sixty-five men at work.

The Bedford division of the Pennsylvania railroad closed the year 1895 with quite an increased business over any previous year, says the Inquirer. The total number of cars delivered to the Huntingdon broad top railroad during the past year was 74,924, an increase of over 9,000.

At Big Run, near DuBois, Tuesday, Samuel Green, after entering the house from a hunting trip, stood his gun in the corner. His two boys were playing in the room, and shortly after the parents were started at hearing a loud report and looking around they were horrified to see that the youngest child had discharged the weapon, the shot entering the head of the older boy, killing him instantly. The dead child was about 4 years old.

A telegram sent from Punxutawney says that F. J. Norton, of that place, was at Sinnemahoning last week to assist his father-in-law, Mr. Foltz, to investigate a claim to the Vondersmith estate, worth \$23,000,000, and to which Mr. Foltz is an heir. They claim to have a clear title. The bulk of the property is in Germany.

A man who has been acting as agent for the estate, without legal authority, and appropriated everything to his own use, fled to South America three years ago. No rents have been collected since that time.