

Ink Stings.

—Bill McKINLEY's boom, like the St. Paul, is likely to run a ground for want of sufficient water under it.

—Since the Hog Combine carried the recent primaries in Philadelphia even MAT QUAY is losing confidence in reform.

—While Utah will have a cannon in the Senate it is not supposed that it will amount to much except the noise it may make.

—The United States Senate is confirming the impression that a fifth wheel to a wagon is about as useful and equally as ornamental.

JOHN WANAMAKER sailed for Palestine last Tuesday. Holy Moses, what a holy time there will be when HOLY JOHN reaches the Holy Land.

—If the spiritualists would call up JAMES MONROE on the spook telephone he might tell us what he thinks of all this racket about his doctrine.

—What a sad case it would be, after all the care the Major has bestowed on it, if FORAKER's fog-horn should blow the McKINLEY boom to pieces.

—It will be well for McKINLEY to keep his eye on FORAKER's sickerness. He may find it inserted under his fifth rib, as was JOHN SHERMAN's experience.

—It is hardly probable that because the Republicans are trying to pass a "horizontal" tariff bill they intend to put COL. BILL MORRISON on their Presidential ticket.

—WOLCOTT, the Republican Free Silver Senator from Colorado, who gave the MONROE doctrine such a drubbing the other day must have been "bought with British gold."

—The fellow who offered the resolution to impeach ambassador Bayard has so completely disappeared from sight that he must have drawn the hole in after him.

—The report that Chief ALEXANDER TALL, treasurer of the Osage tribe, is short over \$3,000 in his accounts, is proof that the Indian is advancing in the art of civilization.

—The new Democratic United States Senator from Mississippi, whose name is MONEY, should be authority on financial questions. In his politics at least he is sound Money.

—Brother JONATHAN could not join JOHN BULL in a naval demonstration against the Turks without disregarding Washington's warning against the danger of foreign alliances.

—The Venezuela commissioners having got down to their work at Washington we would advise the British lion to await with becoming resignation the result of their deliberations.

—There is one individual up in Cambria county who don't believe that "the more man has the more he wants." He's the chap whose wife presented him with triplets on Tuesday last.

—The talk about making General MILES the Republican candidate for president looks as if the old party is short of issues and will be forced to make another campaign on the bloody shirt.

—Fourteen murder trials are scheduled for the next Luzerne county court. The only use of the proposed new Quay county would have been its dividing this murder business with Luzerne.

—Drury College refused an endowment of \$1000 because it was made in beer. If it had been half a million of Standard oil swag, offered by JOHN ROCKEFELLER, it might have been accepted.

—What a high stepping and top lofty dame she must have been who objected to the great-grand-daughter of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN joining the Colonial Dames because she was not of respectable ancestry.

—The death of Prince BATTENBERG was a sad thing for the British royal family, but think what the British public will have to endure when the new Poet Laureate gets out his funeral ode on that subject.

—The manufacturers who assembled in National Convention in Chicago last week showed no disposition to allow themselves to be put on the grid-iron. The amount of fat that will be fried out of them for campaign use this year will be very limited.

—Time is effacing the cock-sure feeling with which the Republicans regarded the political prospect some months ago. By the time the present Congress adjourns they will be wondering whether they have any chance at all of electing a President.

—If the drinking of beer shortens human life, it does not appear that the making of it abridges the earthly pilgrimage of the maker, as EHRRER, the great New York brewer, died the other day at the ripe old age of 87 years. No doubt he partook liberally of his own brewing.

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Insults to American Republics.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW has been called to account by the Brazilian Minister at Washington for his indiscriminate strictures upon the South and Central American republics of which he spoke in general terms of contempt.

Brazil, whose representative at Washington resents the affront, is a Republic of sixteen million inhabitants and boundless natural resources, and at no distant day will take its place among the great powers of the earth.

But if the genial CHAUNCEY made a bad break in this matter, needing an apology, what is to be thought of the expressions of Senator WALCOTT, of Colorado, who in his official capacity and on the floor of the United States Senate, indulged in similar sweeping and indiscriminate strictures upon the South American nations.

—The reason a great many of the newspapers of Pennsylvania were better the past two weeks than usual, is that their editors were absent on a jaunt to Florida, and the office devil was doing the clipping.

The Free Silver Party.

A line is to be drawn between the Free Silver party and the Populists, although they have been acting together on most points and entirely agree on the question of free silver coinage.

Those who support the silver policy are numerous in some sections of the country and are to be found in both the old parties.

—There ought to be enough territory on the eastern continent to satisfy the earth-hunger of the European powers without their trespassing upon the hemisphere which the American eagle has taken under his wing.

A Mischievous Measure.

There was no occasion for Senator DAVIS to rush into the arena of the Senate with an amendment to the MONROE doctrine.

The resolution of Senator DAVIS is a meddlesome and mischievous attempt to extend the application of the MONROE principle as to burden this government with duties that neither its honor nor its interest requires it to bear.

It is its controversy with England on the Venezuela question this government has the advantage of being on tenable ground.

—The report that German warships are to be sent to Venezuela is piling it rather heavy on our little South American neighbor.

Reed's Rules Turned Down.

The tyrannical rules of the House of Representatives adopted by the Billion Dollar Congress to enable CZAR REED to count a quorum, and force the McKINLEY tariff bill through by despotic measures, has been abandoned by the present House under REED's own administration as speaker.

—The Utah Senators are in favor of free silver and unlimited coinage. It is not surprising that the representatives of Mormonism should be as free and easy in their financial as in their matrimonial views.

Getting Warm.

A local option campaign is about to break out in Ohio with unusual fervor. A law having passed the State Legislature applying the question to subdivisions of cities and counties, the temperance people have girded themselves for the strife.

Reed's Silver Views.

The question of silver will undoubtedly be a very prominent factor in the coming Presidential contest. It has been before the public for some years and persistently continues to keep to the front.

That an element with such an influence will be a strong factor in the next general campaign does not require saying. In view of its unquestionable prominence, as well as of its ticklish character in a political sense, it will be interesting to observe how the Republican leaders shall manage to adjust themselves to it.

It will be particularly interesting to observe how the Honorable THOMAS BRACKETT REED will plant himself on this issue when the urgency of his Presidential candidacy will no longer allow him to keep under cover.

—This is about as clear as mud. Being entirely incomprehensible, it does not rise even to the dignity of a straddle. As nobody knows what "Republican bimetallicism" is, the g. o. p. never having enlightened the public on that brand of its monetary policy, either by deed or word, and as equal ignorance prevails as to what it would consider "the most feasible means" of bringing its bimetallicism into operation with "the least possible delay," CHANDLER's explanation does not remove the doubt that envelops THOMAS B. REED's position on the silver question.

Silence that Means Much.

Mr. GLADSTONE says he has his opinions on the Venezuela question, but does not think there is occasion for making them public. It is not difficult to gather from this that they are not favorable to the position taken by the English government.

—That the Russian bear should get away with Turkey is enough to make the British lion growl.

Democratic Opinion Drifting That Way.

From the Lebanon Star. Ex Governor Pattison's name stands at the head of the editorial columns of the Sunbury Democrat as the next Democratic candidate for President, which in the opinion of the Columbia Independent, expresses a decidedly popular desire which will soon assume the proportions of a general demand.

How the Tariff Affects Wool. From the Baltimore Sun. How little the tariff affects prices received by our farmers is shown by the fact that in 1857, with wool free, the price was 53 cents; in 1859, 59 cents; in 1868, under a duty of 60 per cent, 42 cents; in 1875, under a lower tariff, 50 cents.

—Edward Wilson, night foreman on the steam shovel at the railroad grading at Bickler's just East of Lewistown, was struck and instantly killed by fast line west on last Saturday evening.

Facts for the Calamity Howler.

From the Philadelphia Times. The sale of thirty thousand pounds of Washington county wool at Clayville to a Wheeling house on Eastern account for twenty cents a pound, is a notable event in the wool market the past week.

An Inherited Republican Blessing?

From the Philadelphia Record. Cheap labor comes high. Pennsylvania has paid dearly for the irruption of semisavages imported by her protected manufacturers and mine owners to cut under the ordinary wage rate.

It's What the State Needs.

From the Wilkesbarre Leader. There seems to be a growing impulse favoring the whipping post for wife beaters. It is a drastic and severe mode of punishment, but it is about the only one fit for the man who gratifies his spleen on a poor woman by brutally assaulting her.

The Magnetism of a Bar'l.

From the Boston Herald. The announcement that candidate Morton is after Southern Presidential delegates is well calculated to carry terror into the ranks of his rivals for the nomination.

And This too Under a Democratic Administration.

From the Iron Age. The product of pig iron in this country during the last six months of the year just closed amounted to 5,385,750 gross tons, which is greatly in excess of any previous record.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Duncannon has a new Board of Health.

—Reading will have a Masonic hall to cost \$65,000.

—Pennsylvania's exhibit at Atlanta has been returned.

—The Braddock Wire works yesterday resumed operations.

—Reading's assessed valuation increased \$1,000,000 last year.

—Officers are gunning for counterfeiters at Derry City, near Bradford.

—The shortage in the Pittsburg City Attorney's office may exceed \$20,000.

—Henry Booth, a Schuylkill county engineer, thinks he swallowed a lizard.

—An ice flood in the Allegheny river did considerable damage at Oil City and Franklin.

—The Westinghouse Electric works, in Allegheny county, will start on full time before February 1.

—Perry county has a debt of \$54,926.64 having increased it last year by the addition of \$4,036.36.

—Twenty thousand heads of cabbage were raised at the Huntingdon reformatory farm the past year.

—John Fox, aged 90 years, a resident of Renovo, while shoveling snow on Thursday afternoon fell over dead.

—The new registration of voters in Northampton county shows 23,091, of whom 435 are in Easton.

—Al. Sturtzman, an Altoona detective, has fallen heir to \$2,500, of which he had no previous expectations.

—According to the lists of the Assessors sent out to the various election districts there are 37,742 voters in Berks county.

—C. H. Watt, a Bradford oil well driller, leaves with a crew of men, this week for Africa, to drill a well for oil in that region.

—Judge Waddell, of Chester county, says boroughs not divided into wards should elect seven new councilmen this spring.

—Elijah Duval, aged 21 years, of near Ray's Hill, Bedford county, died of poison administered by his own hand on Tuesday.

—At the session of the Criminal Court in Luzerne county, which began on last Monday, fourteen murder cases were on the list for trial.

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

—About 10,000 persons find employment in Clearfield county mines. In 1891 they worked on an average 227 days, in 1892, 212 days, in 1893, 183 days, and in 1894, 134 days.

—Mrs. J. W. Newson, of Clearfield, was found dead in her bed on Thursday morning last. She was about 49 years of age and had retired the night previous in good health.

—If the last will of Mrs. Anna E. Aspinwall of Pittsburg stands the hospital of the Protestant Episcopal church of Philadelphia will receive her entire estate, valued at \$3,000,000.

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—Miss Quay, daughter of Senator Quay, who was married in Washington on Wednesday to Mr. Davidson, is small, with dark and delicate features. The Pennsylvania Senator has two other daughters.

—The National Editorial Association at St. Augustine, Fla., chose Galveston for the next meeting place. R. R. Thomas, Mechanicville, Pa., was elected president; treasurer, James G. Gibbs, Ohio.

—The Altoona and Philadelphia railroad is complete to Ramey and the track is graded half way between Ramey and Janelville about two and a half miles. As soon as the weather permits it will be pushed to completion.

—Mrs. Betsy Kriner, aged 72, and her daughter Sarah, aged 52, were both buried at Redfern, Clearfield county. The mother was the first to die, and the knowledge of her demise caused the daughter to be stricken with heart disease.

—The DuBois Express says Mrs. Deasop of Narrows creek, started for Sabula on Tuesday and when she reached that place six months old baby which she carried in her lap, was found dead. She does not know how it happened.

—Israel Miller and William Moore, track men employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company, were struck by a train near Mountain Grove, a short distance below Williamsport, Friday morning, and both were instantly killed.

—Acting for a syndicate George M. Dimeling of Clearfield, has purchased from John England, of Philadelphia, for \$70,000, a tract of 1,750 acres of virgin timberland in Brady, Bloom and Union townships, Clearfield county, on which there are 33,000,000 feet of wood.

—Between 400 and 500 men employed at the coal mines at Vintonville, Cambria county, went on a strike, on Monday evening to the coal company having engaged a doctor under a guarantee of \$400 a month for attending to the ill and ailments of the miners, and the subsequent action on the part of the company in discharging \$1 each from the men last pay day.

—The committee on finance of the Wilkesbarre Council estimates the expenses for the coming year to run that city will be \$138,777.28; the resources to be \$229,820.21. The valuation of taxable property is \$4,759,386, upon which a levy of 19 mills has been assessed for general purposes, to realize \$122,016.84, and 3 mills for the sinking fund. This is about seven mills less than Bellefonte tax-payers put up.

—A leopard belonging to the Walter Maine circus and which was being shipped to winter quarters at Geneva, Ohio, broke loose in the baggage car of the west-bound morning passenger train on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad just after leaving Kane Monday. The occupants of the car fled, leaving the beast in full possession, and the news being conveyed to the passengers in the coaches, a semi-panic ensued, which continued all the way to Erie. When the train arrived at Erie the services of Jesse Howard, an animal trainer, were secured, and he entered the car with a short rope and an iron bar. The leopard, however, had fastened his full on some oysters which were in the car, and submitted peacefully to being taken to his cage.