

## Ink Slings.

—JOSEPH FOGHORN FORAKER has announced for McKinley. Look out, NAPOLEON.

—Between its \$10,000 mystery story, BION BUTLER's tour in Asia, and finding out whom it favors for President the *Pittsburg Times* has its hands full.

—Why for all this blow about Cuban women taking to arms? There are very few girls in this part of the country—of the right age of course—who haven't been in arms often.

—Italy is in a predicament. Her government is likely to fall and her credit is broken, all because she couldn't lick a hundred thousand Abyssinians with fifteen thousand Italians.

—Everything seems to indicate that McKinley will be the SANDOW of the Republican national convention, but that doesn't deter the boss from rounding up county organizations in Pennsylvania right along.

—WALTER LYON, the lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, says MAGEE has not only voted for, but used his influence for the election of Democrats. What if he did! It was one thing that he should be given credit for.

—Plant City, Florida, has a man in the person of BOWEN SYKES, who has discounted the awful crime of Centre county's WILLIAM EITLINGER. On Saturday a posse broke into his house to arrest him and before they could get out he had killed four men and wounded six others.

—We can't exactly explain what it is, but something seems to tell us that Democratic prospects are getting brighter every day. Don't you feel the sensation? It is in our bones, some strange, inexplicable, feeling of assurance that seems to be contracting the distance between a Democrat and the Presidency more and more.

—The reports of the great battles being fought in Cuba are strung out to fill columns of our daily papers, but, happily enough, there are rarely ever any fatalities. BILL EITLINGER killed and wounded more people in one day, right here in Centre county, than the Cuban and Spanish forces, combined, do in a week.

—With a law making body composed of 220 Republicans and 84 Democrats Governor HASTINGS has vetoed 128 bills, the largest number ever vetoed by a Governor of Pennsylvania, and how much more this one would have been thought of had he made the number 129, by including the MARSHALL pipe line bill in the list of vetoes.

—MR. MARK A. HANNA, the gentleman who has McKinley's boom in charge, has injured the chances of his man by writing letters to Pennsylvania protectionists, asking for subscriptions of money with which to buy southern delegates. The trouble with Mr. HANNA seems to be his inability to realize that Pennsylvania's want no more of McKinley's protection.

—The convention now holding in Pittsburg for the formation of a new political party is not likely to disturb either of the two old organizations. Only a few people are in attendance and they had to import Mrs. MARIA FREEMAN GRAY, clear from San Francisco, to tell them how much a new party is needed. With the populists, silverites, anti-silverites, bi-metallists, and mono-metallists the country has about as many fanatics as can be watched just now.

—Senator BLACKBURN came nearer being elected Senator from Kentucky, on Saturday, than he has at any time during the exciting contest now going on in the Legislature of that State. Had the Democrats all voted for him on that day the fight would have been over, but five of them voted for CARLISLE. It might turn out that CARLISLE will be elected. Such will surely be the case if the sound money Democrats unite with the Republicans, who are inclined to go for the secretary of the treasury in the hope of ending the fight.

—It hardly seems possible, yet it is the fact that Republicans value the services of their own party men far higher than Democrats do men of even superior calibre. Take, for instance, the respective administrations of ex-Governor PATTISON and Governor HASTINGS. Under the former's regime the budget for salaries for state officers carried an amount of \$552,659, while during the first year of the present administration it required \$1,369,816. Just \$817,157 more for exactly the same service to the tax-payers, but apologized for by explaining that new and necessary offices and departments were created. The people ought to be ready to vote as to how well they like these expense making Legislators by next fall. It is just possible that they won't think much about it. Times are so good, you know, and the little matter of \$817,157 is nothing for the happy working classes in Pennsylvania to contribute to the poor politicians who must have places.

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## Reed's Declining Boom.

There is evidently a slump in the REED boom. The presidential prospects of the Czar are not as promising as they were at the opening of the present Congress when the portly figure of the fat statesman from Maine was re-seated in the speaker's chair amid the plaudits of an admiring majority in the House, and most Republicans thought it was a preliminary performance to his being seated in the presidential chair.

That the present outlook does not comport with those early promises is apparent to most observers, and particularly to Mr. JOSEPH H. MANLEY, of Maine, who, as manager of the REED boom, is reported to be "worried over the slump in the speaker's presidential prospects."

There is certainly good cause for his worry, as the fact cannot be disguised that the longer this Congress is in session the worse it will be for the boom he is managing. When the speaker took the chair it was considered a sort of party endorsement of his claim to the presidential nomination, but it will prove to be the most effectual way of killing him as a candidate. He has made more enemies than friends since the opening of the session; that result was unavoidable, both by reason of his natural disposition, and the impossibility of satisfying the conflicting claims of such a conglomerate majority upon his attention and favor. The members who have been disgruntled by his rulings, or soured by his not recognizing their importance in making up the committees, are not displaying any marked enthusiasm for the speaker as a presidential candidate, and in all probability will turn up at the St. Louis convention working for some other candidate. JOE MANLEY sees the decline of REED's presidential popularity among the members of Congress and is accordingly worried.

There are other causes for the decline of the REED boom, which not only interfere with his nomination, but would contribute to his defeat if he should be nominated. This Congress is making a most disgraceful record, and its speaker will be held largely responsible for its disreputable character. It was he who, at the opening of the session, declared that it would be a do-nothing Congress, consuming its time merely in playing at legislation, with no other object than to serve a political purpose, and the people will remember that his program was carried out to the letter, although the interests of the country demanded that there should be legislation for the correction of defective currency laws, and for the assistance of the administration in maintaining the public credit. With such a record for REED and his Congress it is not surprising that the REED boom is overtaken by a slump.

## A McKinley Boom in Pennsylvania.

Appearances indicate that QUAY will not be allowed to walk off with the Pennsylvania delegation to St. Louis without opposition, there being a probability that a kick will be made against its being cast solidly for him as Pennsylvania's favorite son. DAVE MARTIN, in Philadelphia, and CRIS MAGEE, in Allegheny county, are organizing a McKinley movement which may give the boss some trouble in maintaining his control over the delegates whom he counts upon taking to the national convention as a unit and using for trading purposes. No intelligent politician believes that he entertains a serious intention of being a candidate, his only object being to make terms for the distribution of the spoils.

MARTIN and MAGEE, however, will interfere with his designs to the extent of their ability, and in doing this they will be merely carrying on the factional fight in which they were knocked out in the first round last summer. They are now applying themselves to the work of getting up a McKinley boom as the most effective way of getting square with the boss. McKinley's candidacy affords them good material to work with, as he is the leading representative of the tariff policy that has so strong a hold on Pennsylvania Republicanism. No other candidate appeals so directly to the interest of the

manufacturers whose profits were swollen by McKinley's monopolistic duties, and it is to this class that the two anti QUAY leaders may look for assistance in getting up a McKinley movement that will interfere with QUAY's going to St. Louis with an undivided delegation to be used at his pleasure. HANNA, who is the manager of the McKinley campaign, has written urgent letters to the Pennsylvania manufacturers to contribute liberally in the aid of McKinley's nomination, as the best thing for their own interests, and he is in communication with MARTIN and MAGEE, and will supply them with money contributed from that source to head off QUAY's intention of slaughtering the author of the McKinley tariff in the St. Louis convention.

It is thus seen that the fight between the Pennsylvania Republican factions has broken out in a new form, and in the three months between this time and the meeting of the national convention it may be expected that it will become exceedingly lively and interesting.

## For Partisan Effect.

That the enemies of President CLEVELAND are hard up for subjects upon which to abuse him, and will avail themselves of anything that may give them a chance to make him the object of their malignant misrepresentation, has had a further illustration in the eagerness with which they have laid hold of his address before the Presbyterian missions convention and used it for their purpose of abuse.

The President's remark concerning the necessity for home missions and the call there is for missionary work in some sections of the far West, is represented as having been a defamatory statement involving the reputation of that section, and is tortured into a slander upon its entire population. If Mr. CLEVELAND's remarks had been a good deal more pointed than they were, they would not have been too strong as portraying the necessity for missionary effort in Chicago, for example, where the conditions of morality and religion are not so far advanced that missionaries would be out of place. Farther west, in the mining camps, the cattle ranches, and among the loose characters that lead lawless lives upon the plains, missionaries would find ample employment for their evangelizing efforts, and yet when the President truthfully called attention to that field for missionary work, the rascals, who make it a point to abuse and misrepresent him for political effect, proclaim that he slandered the West. One particular congressional whelp, who had no other than a dirty partisan motive, got up in the House and offered a resolution that there should be inquiry into the manner in which the President had slanderously misrepresented a section of the country.

No high public officer was ever subjected to such dirty treatment from the malice of his enemies as GROVER CLEVELAND has been, but none ever went out of office with a purer record and a cleaner character than CLEVELAND will take with him when he shall retire to private life.

A number of the Democrats in this end of the county recently met in the office of county chairman N. B. Spangler to talk over what would be the most satisfactory way of choosing delegates to the State convention to be held at Allentown, on Wednesday, April 29th. As there were no representatives chosen at the last county convention who would be properly accredited to represent the county at the State convention new ones will have to be selected, else Centre will not be represented. It was the sense of most everyone there that the most satisfactory way out of the strait would be for the county chairman to call the standing committee of the county together at an early day and ask that body to name delegates. It will be done.

Captain General WEYLER, who has charge of the Spanish forces in Cuba, has turned out to be a real fine fellow. He certainly can't be the atrocious butcher they say he is. Why he has erally been magnanimous enough to give the insurgents down there fifteen days in which to surrender.

## The President's Discretion.

That public feeling in this country is strongly in favor of the cause of the oppressed people of Cuba cannot be questioned. This fact is demonstrated by the general expression of the people, by the tone of the press and by the action of Congress, a united demonstration which clearly shows that if the feeling of the American people could settle the question the liberty of Cuba would be fully assured.

Upon reflection, however, thoughtful citizens will appreciate the delicacy of the question of Cuban recognition, and will give due consideration to the responsibility that rests upon the authorities who will have to decide this question. Allowance must be made for the difficulty of securing such a knowledge of the facts actually existing in Cuba as will afford a basis of action that would not conflict with the requirements of international law and our treaty obligations to a nation with which we are at peace.

If the entire responsibility in this matter is thrown upon the President, it should be borne in mind that his official oath requires him to act within the limit of international law, as well as of national law, and that his duty to the country prohibits him from involving it in unwarrantable difficulties. The act of recognition would be exclusively an executive act. Congress may urge it, and that is about the extent of its responsibility, but the definite action would have to come from the President, and therefore it is no more than just that he should be allowed to use his discretion as to whether the actual situation in the island would warrant his taking so decisive a step, and whether there would be sufficient justification for interfering in a matter that might involve the country in war.

If the President, without a sufficient knowledge of the facts, should recklessly make a movement that would subject the American people to the loss and expense incident to hostilities with another power, the very men who are urging him to interfere in the Cuban difficulty would be the first to denounce him for having done an injury to his country.

## Slower Action in Regard to Cuba.

It is apparent from the character of the proceedings in the Senate, on Monday, on the resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, that there is a growing disposition to go slow on that matter, which is becoming recognized as a subject that should be handled carefully. It can not be said that the sympathy for the struggling Cubans is not as strong as it was, but it is checked by the prudent doubt whether they have established a condition of affairs in the island that would justify their recognition as belligerents. If their military achievements amount to no more than the desultory movements of guerrillas; if they have no regularly organized government, no capital, no courts, and no ports through which they can be communicated with, it is reasonably questionable whether they are entitled to recognition.

This consideration seems to have had its effect upon the Senate which, on Monday, took up the recognition resolution with a spirit that was greatly tamed as compared with the fiery proceedings of that body when the resolution was originally introduced. Recognition was not rushed through, as was expected; it met with decided opposition. Senator HALE particularly making an exceedingly strong speech against it, the result being that it was laid over for future consideration. While there is an evident reaction on the Cuban question, it is to be hoped that the outcome may be for the best, not only for the honor and interest of the United States, but also for the benefit of the fairest island of the West Indies.

The Democracy of Pennsylvania is to be congratulated on the appointment of JAMES M. BECK Esq., to the office of United States district attorney in Philadelphia. It is a just recognition of merit by the President and will be an incentive to the young men of the party, as an evidence that worth will sooner or later receive its reward. Mr. BECK is one of the most brilliant of the young men of the State and is widely and favorably known for the effective work he has done in past campaigns.

## A Great Tobacco Chewer.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent.  
A Bostonian writes home from Cairo:

"The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough are staying in the same hotel with us. The Duchess has three rooms—one for herself and two for her clothes."—*New York World*.

This reminds the writer of an incident in the life of the late judge Black. The great jurist and statesman on one occasion left his residence at Brockie, near York, for a professional visit to Harrisburg and Philadelphia. The late mayor Calvin B. Rhoads, of Wilmington, Delaware, who was then a resident of the pretty and bustling little city down by the Codorus, met the judge's son, ex-lieutenant governor Black, the same day and said: "Chaucer, I saw the governor going away this morning and he had a trunk and valise." The genial ex-lieutenant governor was much surprised and naturally asked what his father wanted with so much luggage. "Oh," said Rhoads, "he carried his tobacco in the trunk and his clothes in the valise." The point of the joke will be perceived when it is stated that judge Black was an inveterate tobacco chewer. His son gave one of those contagious laughs of his, told the judge of what had occurred, and the latter greatly appreciated the joke at his expense.

## A Time for Discretion.

From the Altoona Times.

It is quite certain that Mr. Cleveland will not agree to the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents at the present time. He may see differently in the future. Just what are the reasons for the President's opinion are unknown. But, with many others, while sympathizing with the cause of human liberty everywhere, he is inclined to be conservative, especially when there are so many wild-eyed jingoists in both branches of Congress.

## Yes, a Great Deal Depends on the Age.

From the Wilkes-Barre Sun.

Miss Emily Lee, a 16-year-old girl of New York, has sued Dr. Louis Thil, a dentist aged 60 years, for kissing her against her will, claiming damages to the amount of \$20,000. A mighty high priced kiss, but if the doctor had been about thirty years younger it would not have been so expensive. When old chaps persist in kissing young girls they must expect to pay for it.

## Right, You Are.

From the Williamsport Sun.

Senator Ingalls says Quay's candidacy is not taken seriously; that it is part of the scheme to beat McKinley. Well, all good Democrats could wish for nothing better than Quay's nomination, as we are quite confident that Governor Pattison could beat him as badly in this State as he did his creature, Delamater, a few years ago.

## Why Not Supply Newspapers Also?

From the Walla Walla, Wash., Statesman.

Secretary Morton may be unpopular with the selfish demagogues in Congress, but he did just right in saving the government the appropriation that Congress wants to annually squander in shipping seeds around the country to constituents. The government has just as much right to supply the people with groceries as seeds.

## Here, This Will Never Do.

From the Phillipsburg Ledger.

Handsome Burgess Gray, of Bellefonte, had his picture printed in the Philadelphia Press.

Fair Editors, don't you know that our "handsome Burgess Gray" is married and has a family.

## It Would Be Like Making Smythe out of Smith.

From the Columbia Herald.

If the weather continues to confirm the ground hog's meteorological prognostications, the next thing we know he'll get conceited and spell his name "Hough."

## Allison Is Iowa's Favorite Son.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 11.—The Republican state convention met in this city to-day to select delegates to the national convention at St. Louis and to formally inaugurate the candidacy of Senator William B. Allison, of Iowa, for President. The convention was one of the largest ever held in the State and hundreds of people were turned away from the tabernacle in which it was held.

Senator John H. Gear, Congressman W. P. Hepburn and David B. Henderson and J. S. Clarkson were named as delegates-at-large. There had been a movement to keep Clarkson off the delegation, but it was promptly squelched before the convention came to order.

The resolutions are in a form at variance from the ordinary declarations of State conventions; they are in the nature of an address to the country on the claims of Allison for the presidential nomination. The platform, briefly, is the public record of Allison, with which alone the platform deals. It formally presents him to the nation as a candidate and calls attention to the part he has taken in national legislation.

## Spawls from the Keystone.

—A fall of coal in Hazle colliery killed Joseph Ferry.

—Tons of coal crushed to death Joseph Coffey in the Avoca mines.

—A premature blast in an Ashland mine killed Michael Perkins.

—A train at Pittsburg ran over and killed captain James Boyle.

—Plans have been accepted for Bradford county's new \$100,000 court house.

—The body of Jonathan Schreckengast was found hanging to a tree at Kittanning.

—Falling down a deep mine hole at Gilberton, Martin Olivette was fatally hurt.

—State veterinarian Pierson killed 69 cattle in Bradford county that had tuberculosis.

—A plank from a scaffold at Palo Alto, fell upon and crushed to death Gottlieb Schindt.

—There are one hundred scarlet fever and measles cards posted upon houses in Huntingdon.

—It is estimated that during the rafting season, soon expected, about 100 rafts will pass Clearfield.

—A vicious bull dangerously gored Ulysses Ackerman, at Factoryville, Northampton county.

—Highwaymen held up William Brewer and William Howells, at Shamokin, and robbed them of \$200.

—Governor Hastings has fixed May 14 as the day for the execution of Abram I. Eckard, in Luzerne county.

—While serving a term in Northumberland jail for fraudulently drawing a pension, Joseph Conrad expired Monday.

—Jacob Zillins, a well known German mechanic, of Huntingdon, claims to have discovered the lost art of hardening copper.

—Joseph Johnson, an inmate of the Delaware county almshouse, cut his throat with suicidal intent, but will recover.

—The common council of Williamsport has killed the ordinance which provided measures of protection for that city against future floods.

—W. H. Dill, the ex-banker of Clearfield who moved to Philadelphia after his financial troubles, is said to be gradually failing in health with little hope of recovery.

—Frank C. Mercer, who attempted suicide by shooting himself in Williamsport Friday, died Saturday afternoon in the hospital in that city. He was 50 years old.

—The large saw mill of Howard & Pery, at Glensaw, near North Bend, resumed operations this week. A large number of men will be given employment.

—The paper box factory at Williamsport was damaged to the amount of \$1,000 Thursday. A spark from the smokestack set fire to the roof of the engine room.

—Renovo's council is considering propositions to refund a \$2,000 bond issue and also whether the borough can increase its indebtedness to improve the water system.

—In Welshan's mill at Ranchtown a few days ago the piston rod while in motion was released from the strap holding it and knocked out the cylinder head. No one was injured.

—Northampton county court cut down from \$2500 to \$300 the bill of the Provident trust company, of Philadelphia, for services as guardian of Henry A. Munpher, of Bethlehem.

—The Williamsport Times has increased its size from a four page to an eight page journal. This is an evidence of progress on the part of our exchange that will heartily be applauded by its many readers.

—At the entertainment to be held in M. E. church, at Lamar, Saturday evening, March 14, Miss Kreamer, of Lock Haven, and Miss Shira, of Macksville will recite. L. L. Eddy, of Milesburg, will sing.

—Louis Myers, who was arrested in Lock Haven several weeks ago for stealing an overcoat from a liveryman in Ridgway was sentenced by Judge Mayer at Ridgway a few days ago to two years' imprisonment in the western penitentiary.

—Rev. W. H. Clipman, Baptist minister of Curwensville, has accepted a call from the Tabernacle Baptist church, Harrisburg. Rev. Clipman will remove to the state capital in April. He takes the place of Rev. F. L. Bardens, who went to DuBois.

—Clearfield has been chosen as the next place of meeting for the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Huntingdon Presbytery. The same officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mrs. Orblison, who resigned as vice president.

—The Guarantee gun club, composed of a number of the most prominent gunners of the upper end of Harrisburg, will shortly receive a number of quail from Wichita, Kan., to stock the woods in adjoining counties. Last year the club received a large number of birds, but they refused to stay. The members hope for better success this time.

—The stone-cutters in the region of Curwensville, among whom are many Italians, held a meeting in Schnarr's hall, the above place, Thursday afternoon for the purpose of endeavoring to secure an advance of wages. A strike was not ordered but should one occur about 20 men will be involved, among the number are those at Bloom's Run.

—H. A. Graham, foreman on the J. T. Tolbert job at Lick Run, in the Beech Creek region, reports that so far this year 150 car loads of prop timber have been cut and shipped. The engine and cars which were wrecked on the 3d of February, are still lying at the bottom of the embankment, where they lodged when the wreck occurred.

—A few days ago Elmer Holt and Warren Williamson were on the mountain near Jersey Mills running logs for Frank Torbert, of Jersey Shore. While hammering on a stump a bear jumped from the inside of the stump and alighting near Williamson, gave that man a blow on the face with his paw. The force of the blow sent Williamson down the side of the mountain, with the bear in close pursuit. Holt hastily ran after the animal and chased it away by punching him in the side with a hand spike.