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Ink Stings.

Sink a song of sixpence  
A court house full of now,  
Then REEDER gets the delegates  
And ARNOLD wonders, how?

The WATCHMAN announced, last week, that ARNOLD would be the Republican nominee for Congress in this district.

QUAY is moving for civil service in State offices. "The old man" is going to fix his friends while he is yet able to do it.

There is one thing the Gazette must be given credit for. It has the knack of giving space to a subject without saying anything about it. Reference: "The Congressional Muddle," page 4, Vol. XI, No. 29, of that paper.

No matter whether it was AL DALE or QUAY who did the business ARNOLD has Elk county where he wants it and, with Clarion and Clearfield besides, will surely be the Republican congressional nominee of this district.

It is said that apples will keep for two years when wrapped up in newspapers. Of course a great deal depends on the newspapers used. Now some sheets are so foul that they would pollute and decay fruit in a very few moments.

Something that occurred in Clearfield, on Tuesday, more than likely sent a cold chill down the spinal column of the Hon. JAMES KERR. As the gentleman has been interviewed yet we can't explain how it did occur.

The Democrats of Lancaster county seem to have been affected very much as the Republicans of Centre were. It isn't just the right thing to do, but it is very popular to kick when you don't get exactly what you want.

Elk county's having instructed her congressional conferees for CLEARWATER means that they will be thrown to ARNOLD, when he needs them to make himself the Republican nominee for Congress in this district. AL DALE wrote to "the old man" to have it, fixed up in this way and he did it.

In endorsing ex-Governor WM. E. RUSSELL for President the Democrats of Massachusetts have declared for a man who could ably fill the exalted position to which they would push him, but Pennsylvania has a son whose claim must be considered before that of the Massachusetts man can be taken up.

At a meeting of the Democratic state committee, in Harrisburg, on Wednesday, Hon. ROBERT E. WRIGHT, of Allentown, was re-elected state chairman of the party for the ensuing year. It was a highly satisfactory selection and one that will please the Democracy of Pennsylvania. Mr. WRIGHT is a leader who can not be dominated by any faction or clique.

Women will not be admitted as delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. The vote by the annual conferences of the church lacks 63 of enough to give the women the three-fourths and admission to the general conference. It was a tight squeeze, but the women are used to that kind of thing and won't feel badly over it.

The Democratic party has always been a conservative organization. It has never been identified with any of the fanatical movements that have convulsed the country and on that account it stands today on the clear high ground of freedom from any misalliance and is beginning to profit by its straightforward course. Things look brighter and in the fall there will be surprises and surprises.

In an interview in the Pittsburg Post ex-Governor ROBERT E. PATTSION claims his belief that the unit rule is the best and most efficient means for expressing Pennsylvania's political preference in national conventions. He said the unit rule made BUCHANAN'S nomination possible, also that of CLEVELAND, in 1892, and would give Pennsylvania an importance next to that of New York. ROBERT evidently has had his ear to the ground and is beginning to heed the rappings he has heard.

Governor HASTINGS proposes spending three months, during the summer, at his home in this place. Why this thunders? Certainly he must have had some horrible nightmare in which a grim spectre doused him with the tears he shed the night of the farewell meeting in the armory, when he professed so much sorrow at having to leave his Bellefonte friends. The Governor is possibly beginning to feel that his home friends are the best friends, hence his desire to get back among them before they all declare allegiance to AL DALE.

At the conference of the Republicans of this congressional district, held at Ridgeway last week, to select two delegates to the national convention at St. Louis, Clarion, Elk and Forest counties froze Clearfield and Centre so badly that their conferees left the meeting hall. The two larger counties in the district voted the selection of A. E. PATTON, of Curwensville, but Elk, Forest and Clarion had fixed up a slate that could not be busted, so it went through. The conferees from Centre and Clearfield were very angry that they should have been entirely ignored, but what reason had the former to feel that way. They simply got a dose of the medicine they gave the Phillipsburg delegation at their late convention here and are the last people under the sun who have any ground to kick. Sauce for the goose is always sauce for the gander.

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Spanish Concessions.

As the Spaniards become more convinced of the improbability of their being able to suppress the Cuban rebellion they show a disposition to make concessions to the rebels. It is reported that the Spanish government is willing to accord a number of reforms upon certain contingencies. These concessions are represented to be so extensive as to practically include autonomy.

But Spain will make a great mistake in judging the temper of her opponents if the condition upon which she will concede these reforms is that the Cuban insurgents must first lay down their arms. She takes a position which the patriots must spurn in claiming that her dignity will not admit of her treating with armed rebels. Such a proposition is an insult to a people who know that it would not be made if they had not used their arms so effectively, and who are asked to put themselves entirely at the mercy of their enemy. After they had disarmed what assurance would they have that the promises of reform would be fulfilled?

The Cuban patriots have had experience as to what Spanish pledges amount to. They desisted from a ten year's rebellion, in 1878, upon a promise that their grievances would be redressed, but realized that their surrender was only an encouragement to worse forms of misgovernment and oppression. If the Cubans should treat with the Spaniards. We trust they will be wise enough to do it with arms in their hands.

Producing Its Logical Effect.

The New York Herald very logically remarks that the anti-Republican reaction that has set in, in New Jersey and New York, may extend throughout the country. As the cause is of a general character why should not the effect be general?

In the town elections in New York State the result this spring has been revolutionary, as compared with what it was last year. As explanatory of this change it may be said that it was largely due to the RAINES bill. That had its effect, no doubt, to some extent; but how is it in New Jersey, where there is no such special influence as an obnoxious liquor law operating? In Jersey City the Republican majority of 6,000 last year is replaced by a Democratic majority of 1000. Newark, which gave the Republicans 4,700 majority, gives the Democrats over 5,000. The Republican majority of 2,200 in Trenton has been reduced to 400, and changes of almost equal magnitude have occurred over the whole State. This may be regarded as proving the identity of the causes operating in New York and New Jersey, and it is safe to infer that their influence will be general throughout the country.

The logic of this change is found in the popular and wide-spread disappointment and dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Republican Congress. With absolute control of the House, and also of the Senate if they wished to exert it, they have fooled away the session in playing presidential politics, while not a single measure has been passed for the improvement of the finances or the relief of the business situation. The people, by the largest majority ever known, invested this Congress with power to legislate, but they find it doing nothing but political work designed to influence the coming presidential election.

In view of this fact such a change in public sentiment, as has shown its first development in the recent local elections, may be expected to be general in its effect.

Sneaking and Dishonesty.

The sneaking character of the attacks on the CLEVELAND administration, made for political effect, is exemplified by the PEPPER resolution introduced in the Senate, asking for an investigation of the sale of bonds by Secretary CARLISLE. The object is to create the suspicion that there was something crooked in that transaction, involving the integrity of the Secretary and the administration.

No specific charge is made, nor is it believed that the bonds were improperly handled, but by introducing a resolution to have the bond sales investigated it is calculated that a suspicion may be aroused in the public mind, and by the appointment of a partisan committee that would maintain a tinkering appearance of investigation during the summer, this suspicion could be kept up until the campaign should be over. Having served its villainous purpose it would then be dropped.

There are Republicans in the Senate who have not the slightest belief that there was anything wrong in the bond sales, but they are egging PEPPER on in this nefarious business for the partisan effect it may have in the presidential campaign. Among these are Senator HOAR, but he can not resist doing a mean thing if his party may gain a political advantage by it.

Nothing would be met with greater confidence by Secretary CARLISLE and President CLEVELAND than a fair investigation of the bond sales, but PEPPER and his Republican backers propose a sneaking proceeding for a campaign purpose.

McKinley's Monetary Record.

There can be no question as to MCKINLEY'S economic position. On the fiscal issue he represents tariff robbery, and he bases his political claim on the system that robs the many for the benefit of the few. In that sign he proposes to conquer in the presidential contest.

His openness on the tariff question strongly contrasts with the subtlety of his position in regard to the currency. He resorts to evasion and attempts to beg off his monetary attitude by a plank in his Ohio platform which means neither gold nor silver, but may be construed as favorable to either or both.

The past history of MCKINLEY'S action in regard to currency shows that he is, or at least was, a silverite. In 1877 he voted in the House for a bill authorizing the free coinage of silver dollars at the ratio of 16 to 1. This bill was substituted in the Senate by the BLAND-ALLISON bill for the coinage of not less than \$2,500,000 nor more than \$4,000,000 worth of silver per month into standard dollars. Upon its passing both Houses President HAYES vetoed it, but MCKINLEY voted to pass it over his veto. When President CLEVELAND recommended Congress to repeal the BLAND-ALLISON act, MCKINLEY, as chairman of the committee on platform in the Republican national convention of 1888, reported a resolution "condemning the policy of the Democratic administration in its efforts to demonetize silver." In 1890 he advocated and supported JOHN SHERMAN'S silver purchase act, which proved so disastrous to the finances of the country that it had to be repealed by a Democratic Congress, upon the advice of President CLEVELAND.

Now, in view of this uninterrupted support of silver in every instance in which he had an opportunity to act on the question, if MCKINLEY were an honest candidate, and had the courage of his convictions, he would have declared in his Ohio platform that he is a supporter of the white metal, instead of making a declaration on the subject so equivocal and evasive that it may be construed in one way by the goldites and in another way by the advocates of silver.

We do not quarrel with MCKINLEY'S courage views if he is honest in them, and if he should honestly express himself in regard to them, but when, in so important a matter as the currency, he is found to be carrying water on two shoulders to catch the vote of opposite sections, it may be asked what reliance could be placed on him, as President, by either the advocates of free silver or the supporters of the gold standard?

Anti-Trust Legislation.

The New York Legislature has passed an anti-trust law, particularly intended to head off the coal combine, but adapted to other forms of monopolistic extortion. It is well enough that such a law should be passed, but will it be enforced? Has it been made so strong that the corporation lawyers will not be able to drive through it or around it? Is it proof against the decisions of monopoly favoring judges?

There is an anti-trust law in the statute books of the United States. It was drawn by JOHN SHERMAN, with the professed object of preventing the robbery of the trade combiners, but honest JOHN left in it a number of loopholes through which every trust that has been brought before the United States courts has been able to slip unharmed and in condition to go on with its robbery as before. If JOHN SHERMAN was not so remarkably honest, upright and high-minded a Republican statesman, who would scorn to do anything low, mean or crooked (?) it might be supposed that he left those loop-holes in that anti-trust law a purpose.

Maybe the New York anti-trust law, it being a Republican enactment, has the same kind of holes in it. Time, and a few trials in court, will tell.

The Pittsburg Post wonders why Governor HASTINGS, of Bellefonte, has deserted MCKINLEY, when his county recently gave such a big majority for the Ohio man.—Exchange.

It is evident that the Post didn't understand the situation hereabouts or it would have known that MCKINLEY'S victory in this county was due to the fact that the Governor was for the other side. SUCCESS and HASTINGS are not walking arm and arm in Centre county at this time.

Both Democrats and Republicans, throughout the East, are clamoring for a "single gold standard" and "honest" money, and not one out of every hundred who believe they believe in this doctrine, can tell what either a "gold standard" or "honest money" is.

A Pittsburg minister resigned from the pastorate of his church because his congregation appreciated another woman's singing better than it did that of his wife. As the congregation hired preacher JOELLY to preach and not to furnish a wife who could sing they accepted his resignation forthwith.

Hastings' Political Humiliation.

Governor HASTINGS has had to submit to a good many humiliations since his election by the phenomenal majority that swelled his head with the idea that he was Pennsylvania's favorite son, but nothing has humiliated him so much as his being compelled to crawl to the feet of MAT QUAY and acknowledge himself his henchman. There was dishonor enough in being soundly trounced by the Boss, in a fight for political supremacy, but the acknowledgment that QUAY is his master completes the measure of his disgrace.

In an interview, in which his excellency admits his reduced and dependent position, he declares his alliance to QUAY and expresses the hope that "there will be a united delegation to St. Louis making a brave and determined effort to secure the nomination of Senator QUAY."

What a scorching commentary on this subservient position is the action of the Republicans of his own county in turning down QUAY'S presidential candidacy and overwhelmingly expressing themselves for MCKINLEY. Was it not as much of a repudiation of HASTINGS as it was of QUAY? With such a demonstration in his own county what chance has the Governor of seeing a realization, of his hope that there will be a united delegation to St. Louis in support of QUAY'S nomination?

If HASTINGS were not so complete a political booby he would not be occupying the humiliated position in which he finds himself. If there was occasion for him to break with QUAY last summer he should have had political manhood enough to have maintained his antagonism. He might have been the leader of a MCKINLEY delegation going to St. Louis with a prospect of nominating his man, instead of being tagged on to MAT QUAY'S boom that is bound to meet with ridiculous failure. Of course it would not be more to his credit to be the supporter of the tariff spoiler of Ohio, but it would have made him of some consequence which in his present position cannot be accorded to him in the least degree. It would have saved him the humiliation of being repudiated by his own county.

An Anti-Temperance Measure.

A singular consequence has attended New York's new liquor law, known as the RAINES bill. It was intended to limit the saloons by imposing a tax so heavy as to be almost prohibitive to those that were not doing a big business, but while the saloons have been limited, Sunday drink is practically unlimited.

The old law prohibited opening the bars on Sunday, but while the new law does the same, it allows the hotels to sell liquor to guests at dinner or luncheon on Sunday. It has been ruled that to become a guest at a hotel it is not necessary to register, and under this ruling a five cent lunch of crackers and cheese gives the "guest" the right to fill up with as much Sunday beer, or other drink, as he can carry. This is a specimen of Republican legislation in the interest of temperance and Sabbath observance.

The exorbitantly high license of the RAINES measure, which bears with unequal weight upon the large and the smaller dealers, will drive the small saloons out of business, resulting in a fearful increase of speak-easies, which is the most injurious medium through which drink can be furnished to its victims.

The RAINES law will prove to be one of the greatest curses ever inflicted upon the State of New York; but it puts the power of licensing into the hands of a Republican commission, and the political power thus secured was all that the originators of the law cared for.

No Need of It.

No good reason exists for the creation of a department of commerce and manufactures in connection with the government, as proposed by Senator FRYE, of Maine, if he can assign no better reason for it than that it is necessary "to take care of the commercial and industrial interests of the country."

It is not within the province of government to take up any particular interests. Its line of duty is to furnish good, impartial and honest administration of the governmental function, and under such conditions commercial and industrial interests will be able to take care of themselves. There is too much of the paternal idea in the government taking care of them.

We have seen the consequences of such care in the abuses of the protective system. High tariffs, that have been used for the alleged benefit of the industries, have been productive of monopolists and trusts, and have bred a class of beneficiaries who have been encouraged to believe they have a right to go to Congress and dictate the tariff schedules that would be most conducive to their advantage, regardless of the injustice done to the general consumers.

Such special paternalism is foreign to our popular system of government and should be discouraged.

The West Remembers Pattison.

From the Williamsport Sun. The Williamsport Sun recently published the following interview with Willis B. Bierly, of Grand Forks, N. D.: Mr. Bierly is well known in this county and is east recuperating his health. He is one of the well-known men of the Red river country and knows what he is talking about.

W. R. Bierly, Esq., who was formerly a member of the Lyscoming county bar and also a newspaper man of some experience, arrived in the city Saturday night and is a guest of his brother-in-law, Orlando L. Nichols, deputy register and recorder. The papers have widely published the statement that Mr. Bierly, having sold his newspaper and printing plant at Grand Forks, has come east to locate, but he says this an error, so far as disposing of his northwestern interests is concerned, because there is no value for anything west or east except money, under present theories of finance and economics.

Of course, he is an ardent advocate of what we of the east denominate the "silver heresy," and says he intends to inaugurate a campaign of education as soon as he has rested and recovered his health fully. Those who are acquainted with the political career of Mr. Bierly need not doubt that he has the courage to undertake seeming impossibilities.

Having always been a warm supporter of ex-Governor Pattison he declares that if the Democrats of Pennsylvania will present the governor at Chicago, unanimously and without a gold standard handicap platform, in the face of the obvious silver color of that convention, his nomination is among the probabilities and his show for election would be the best. The reason for this is that in the west the ex-governor, as a Pacific railroad commissioner, is well remembered for having planted himself solidly and immutably on the platform of government ownership of the Pacific railroads, which, while swindling Uncle Sam out of the interest on their bonds, have been practicing extortions upon the settlers and robbing their second mortgage bondholders continually and systematically. They also know him as a man of unswerving integrity in governmental reforms and would have confidence in his loyalty to the people as a Democrat who would not set himself up as dictator and override the voice of the great majority.

Mr. Bierly expects to remain in the east for some time, and will be heard from.

Where Will It All End?

From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. Debs has not been conspicuous in Chicago rallies since his incarceration for jail for violating the law, and inciting to violence and disorder, but the methods he advocated and inaugurated still seem to be practised there. A strike in the painters and decorators' trade last winter resulted in a total failure at the time, but the strikers were not at the end of their resources, when apparently beaten. They nominally hid the light and went back to work, but biding their opportunity, they nursed their wrath, and on Saturday last "got in their work" against their employers by shooting one of them dead in his office. The murdered man probably thought he had triumphed over the trade union when the strike was declared off, but he had yet to learn at the cost of his life that, according to the Debs doctrine, the warfare of the employed against the employers is incessant and deadly.

A Regular Money Saving Candidate.

From the Huntingdon News. A patriot of Clarion county seems to be so anxious to serve the dear people in the capacity of county commissioner, that he has the following novel proposition: If he is made county commissioner, there would be no charge for mileage, and in addition this astonishing candidate will do the clerical work of the office, if the other two commissioners divide up and take the duties of janitor and court crier. It is a curious schedule, and inasmuch as the minority is entitled to a representative among the commissioners of Clarion county, this Republican candidate may be given the chance to carry out his bill of attractions. What a great saving there would be in Huntingdon county, if such a commissioner should be elected.

A Possibility Bearing a Reality.

From the Butler Democratic Herald. The withdrawal of secretary Carlisle from the field of presidential candidates leaves a splendid opening for ex-Governor Pattison, and when Harry has done a wise thing by writing a timely letter setting forth Pattison's great public service. We believe that with Pattison in the field Pennsylvania is a doubtful State even with Napoleon McKinley on the other ticket. Pennsylvanians have a just pride in Pattison. We have not had a President for a long time. The general voter knows that he can trust Pattison, and that will make the "vest pocket vote," as it is used to be called, a very uncertain quantity. The uncertainty will be in the ex-Governor's favor. We think things are going Pattison's way.

A Woman's View of Tommy O'Shaughnessy's Domain.

From the Phillipsburg Ledger. Bellefonte is a beautiful town and we are proud of the county seat, but dear, oh! dear, but their municipal authorities are bad housekeepers. The unkempt condition of their business streets on a Sunday is simply shocking. They need woman suffrage over there. The women of Bellefonte are noted housewives and we'll wager if enough mothers instead of borough fathers, managed that town there would be a "gigantic clean up" inaugurated. Such handsome buildings as Bellefonte can boast deserve better surroundings.

He Has Lost the Sound of His Bee's Buzzing.

From the Lancaster Examiner. Senator Carter says that the boom for Cameron in the far West is not only rumbling, but actually roaring. If Senator Carter will listen intently, possibly this noise may really prove to be grumbings of discontent over the actions of himself and the other free silver Senators.

Spawls from the Keystone.

A railroad Young Men's Christian Association is to be organized at Jersey Shore.

The twelfth annual session of the Cumberland valley Sabbath school assembly will be held in Williams Grove, from July 21 to 31.

Examinations are to be abolished in the Huntingdon public schools. Promotions will be made upon the general standing of the pupils during the term.

An Erie paper tells of a bill received by the directors of the poor from a medical man, containing the item: "To keeping a stranger sick all night, seventy-five cents."

Greensburg is to have a couple of daily papers to enliven the town. The Advance Argus started a daily on Monday and Meadville parties will shortly start another paper.

Rev. Harvey G. Furby, of Tyrone, has received a call to become the pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church at Philadelphia, at a salary of \$8,000 a year. Rev. Furby is only 31 years old. It is not known whether he will accept or not.

The body of John Moore, the wagon maker who has been missing from Williamsport since March 2, was found in the river at Montgomery Thursday by duck hunters. Whether he committed suicide is not known. He was 53 years old.

What is said to be the largest smokestack in the United States was used for the first time Tuesday by the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing company, at Natrona. It is 200 feet high, 130 feet in circumference at the base and 90 feet at the top.

The committee of arrangements for the celebration of memorial day, May 30, in Allentown, has been successful in getting an eloquent orator for the day in Congressman Irving Price Wanger, of Norristown, representing the Bucks-Montgomery district in Congress.

A Meadville man, who is operating in the West Virginia oil field, was married the other day, and almost paralyzed, the officiating minister from Parkersburg, by handing him a \$50 note. The usual fee down there is from a bushel of potatoes to a dollar note, says the Franklin News.

The Bradford county commissioners have signed the contract with Thomas Bradley, of Corning, N. Y., for the construction of the new court house. The price, \$113,866, calls for the use of native Bradford county stone only. Work will begin in ten days, and the buildings will be finished July 1, 1897.

During a light thunder storm Friday evening a large barn owned by Magee, in Chillesaque township, Northumberland county, opposite Lewisburg, was struck by lightning and consumed. The tenant, Jacob Kline, who just moved in, lost all his stock and farming implements. The barn was insured.

H. Loeb, of DuBois, has just purchased through state treasurer Haywood the Putnam timber and mill property at Caledonia, Elk county. Mr. Haywood had control of the property as receiver of the First National bank of Clearfield. Although the consideration is still unknown, this is one of the largest timber deals made in this vicinity for a long time.

In nearly every part of Berks county muskrats nowadays are used for food, and are pronounced a first class dish. Ten years ago the idea of eating them would have been scorned in nearly every section of Berks. The muskrat is a great deal cleaner with its food than most other animals that have for years been used on the table. It is claimed that muskrat meat is a great deal finer to the taste than that of rabbit.

Charles Eshenbaugh, the boy who is breaking a fasting record at West Sunbury, is not expected to live much longer. He has not eaten a bite for sixty days, and yet says he does not want to die. Dr. Hockenberry says he cannot live long, and that the boy is afflicted with softening of the brain. His attendants have tempted him with everything appetizing by leaving him alone in his room, but he steadily refuses to notice food.

For the \$1,000,000 memorial fund of the Presbyterian church, the Huntingdon Presbytery has contributed \$4,488. Of this amount the Bellefonte church stands first on the list with a contribution of \$1,018. Tyrone is next with \$475; Huntingdon, \$415; Lewisport, \$300; Hollidaysburg, \$279; the three churches of Altoona, \$392; and Birmingham, \$134. Eleven churches out of a total of fifty-eight did not contribute anything.

The detailed report of the operations and output of the Conellville coke region for the week ending April 11 shows 11,436 active and 6,511 idle ovens with a total estimated production of 117,024 tons. Compared with the production of the previous week this was an increase of not quite a thousand tons. No changes of importance were reported in the active and idle lists of ovens. The shipments for the week aggregated 8,407 cars. To Pittsburg and river points, 2,153 cars; to points west of Pittsburg, 3,440 cars; to points east of Conellville, 904 cars. Compared with the shipments of the previous week, this was a decrease of 253 cars.

The famous cat of ex-mayor Ely, which goes out into the neighboring fields and captures snakes, which he drags into the house for the inspection of the family, has arrived in the same block, tells the Harrisburg Telegraph. W. L. Powell, who went trout fishing the other day at Newville, and got stuck in the mud, has a cat which also developed snake-charming propensities. Mrs. Powell was horrified to see a snake two feet long on the kitchen floor the other day which the family cat had captured in the cellar of their residence. There will be few snakes left at Cottage Ridge if the two cats are permitted to get in their work unimpeded.

It is not often that a groom meets a weeping bride when he goes to her home to have the nuptial knot tied, but that is the experience that W. L. Shannon, of Butler, met with when he went to Oriole, Lycoming county, recently to marry Sarah Vondeja, a pretty daughter of a prosperous Nippenose valley farmer. Shannon and his sweetheart had never seen each other, their courtship and proposal for marriage having been conducted by means of correspondence. When Shannon reached the girl's home she broke down, began crying and pleaded that she did not want to marry. She finally consented to have the ceremony performed, but, with the understanding that she would be allowed to remain at home for at least three months.