

Ink Slings.

Notwithstanding Williamsport's christian notification in having elected a Prohibition mayor, she isn't quite ready for A. LORD for chief of police.

With PATTERSON at the head of the ticket the Democrats would storm Pennsylvania, in the fall, nearly as well as they did Allentown on Wednesday.

Politics in Centre county have been very quiet lately. Local candidates are getting in their work and whether the sun shines or not they keep everlastingly at it.

However partisan they are in Republicanism the Pittsburg Times and the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph deserve credit for the stamina displayed in standing out against QUAY.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW thinks governmental control of rail-roads would result in a great loss. Of course it would, in so far as CHAUNCEY'S salary of twice as much as the President gets is concerned.

France has another crisis, but that doesn't count for anything. France is not happy unless in a foment of excitement, and political predicaments that would wreck any other government on earth are actually hailed with delight by the hot blooded French.

If the latest interview with ex-President HARRISON is reliable there is little to be wondered at his preferring a matrimonial venture to another struggle for the Presidency. According to the latest view accredited to BENJAMIN it is a very uncertain matter, the election of any Republican to be President.

The Hon. Senator-elect JOSEPH FORAKER, of Ohio, was a guest at a Boston GRANT banquet, on Monday night, but nothing is reported of his speech on that occasion. It is hardly likely that the foghorn propensities of the Ohio politician quite suited the cultured tastes of his New England auditors.

England has made another threat against the Transvaal republic. This time it is a long distance affair and as such the most natural thing in the world. JOHN BULL has not forgotten his recent hand to hand encounter with the Boers and wisely enough stands out of bullet range to declare what he will do.

DAVE MARTIN has "decided to vote for Maj. MCKINLEY, as a candidate for the presidential nomination, on the first ballot and on every other ballot, as long as he is a candidate." DAVE is hanging onto the right kite, sure enough, and in this action will be a good many laps ahead of QUAY in the event of MCKINLEY'S election to the Presidency.

The Republicans of Alabama have split over the MCKINLEY instructions. At their State convention, at Montgomery, on Tuesday, the MCKINLEY people who controlled the negroes were given the go-by by the other element of the party and two conventions were held. Here is a "nigger in the wood pile," sure enough, for the major.

Notwithstanding the lying accusations of INGALLS and ATGELD that President CLEVELAND is "a personally corrupt man in discharging his official duties" his administration of this government will make history of which the nation can well be proud and CLEVELAND, himself, will be remembered in the future as a man whose strength of purpose made him fearless of just such calumniators.

There is a great RUSSELL in Massachusetts just now and it would not be surprising if the Democratic presidential lightning were to strike some-where near. RUSSELL is a strong man, but when GORMAN takes up his cause there is room for doubt as to whether he is in touch with the administration. And such a doubt becomes almost a conviction when RUSSELL and OLNEY are known to lead rival political factions in the Bay State.

Thirty of the thirty-six aspirants for nomination before the coming Greene county Democratic convention have signed a paper in which they have agreed not to use any boodle in working for a realization of their ambition. At one stroke they have put the burden of expense on the other six and if it is in any wise proportionate to what it is in Centre county the other half-dozen will join forces with the thirty before very long.

It is not an uncommon thing for a man to "chew his heart," but we never heard of looking it in the face until the other day; when Bishop BOYD CARPENTER, of Ripon, England, advised his congregation to take hold of their hearts and look them square in the face. He couldn't have intended that his words should be taken literally, for surely he didn't expect those people to swallow one arm so they could grab their hearts then use the other by turning an X ray on it.

The A. P. A. and MCKINLEY relations are apparently very much strained, but little reliance can be put on the proclamations of such a skulking organization. While professing against the robber tariff champion who knows but that the A. P. A. is secretly backing him and only trying to cover up its tracks by such deception as publicly condemning him. Enough is known of the methods of this later day Know-nothingism to believe that it would resort to any trickery to further its clandestine purposes.

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Reaching Their Lowest Depth.

The Republicans of Pennsylvania could not have descended to a lower degree of degradation than they reached in the proceedings of their last state convention. Accustomed as they are to wearing the collar of a boss, they never before so openly expressed their pride in such a disgrace.

The state convention which last week endorsed for the highest office in the government a man who has no other reputation than that of a political trickster and an unscrupulous machine manager, did not display the least evidence of their being ashamed of their slavish subservience to the absolute control he has assumed over their organization. Every detail of its proceedings was previously ordered and arranged by him. He was on the ground giving directions until the opening of this convention of henchmen, leaving Harrisburg a few hours before the convention met, fully assured that every one of his orders would be carried out to the letter. Not only was obedience thoroughly rendered, but it was done enthusiastically. The abject tools not only bent their necks to the imperious boss, but they rejoiced in their debasement.

The proceedings of that convention furnished a most striking example of the demoralization that results from boss rule. With entire unanimity, with shouts that proclaimed their delight in acting in the menial capacity of political serfs, that servile assemblage put forward as their choice for President of the United States a mere party boss and wire-puller, an individual who as a Senator is a discredit to that high office, and as a statesman is entirely devoid of the qualities of statesmanship, who is incapable of making a speech, who has not breadth of mind enough to originate a policy, and who never advanced an idea on public affairs that was worthy of consideration or adoption; but who has been crooked in every political movement he ever made, and has been charged by responsible journals with offenses seriously affecting his public character without his daring to go into the courts to vindicate his reputation.

This is the individual whom the wretched menials composing that state convention have brought out with shameless parade and unblushing exultation for the high office of President, characterizing him as "one of our foremost leaders, wise in council and brilliant and able in action, at once the type of the American citizen, scholar, soldier and statesman." Has the absence of licksippal subservience ever reached a lower depth than that?

If the disgrace of such proceedings were confined to the henchmen who rejoice in wearing the collar of such a master it would be of no great public concern, but when the rule of this boss involves the reputation of Pennsylvania there is not a citizen of the State who is not compelled to bear a share of this humiliation.

Brought to Account.

The bulk of the Republican press is engaged in traducing the leaders of the Democratic party, their shafts being particularly aimed at President CLEVELAND and Secretary CARLISLE. With these journals it is a continual campaign of vilification.

The official positions of their victims enables these traducers to pursue their nefarious business with impunity, but sometimes they trespass upon grounds where they get themselves in trouble. This was the case with the libelous partisan sheets that published, in 1892, that Mr. E. H. VAN INGEN, an American merchant residing in London, had brought from England \$500,000 contributed by the COBDEN club to elect CLEVELAND. Mr. VAN INGEN sued them for libel, and as their charge against him was of course without even the shadow of a foundation, some of them have suffered severely in the way of costs. The New York Mail and Express has had to pay him \$4,000 damages, and the New York Recorder \$1,000, heavy costs of suit also attending these damages. The New York Press by paying him \$3,000 and publishing its regret for having printed "such false and unfounded charges," succeeded in inducing Mr. VAN INGEN not to let his case go to court. DALZIEL'S news agency, in London, which sent out this slanderous report, had also to pay \$4,800 damages.

Everyone of these journals, when they published that the COBDEN club had sent money to elect CLEVELAND, knew that they were giving publicity to a lie; but they intended it to serve a campaign purpose and they let it go, greatly to their own disadvantage, as they afterward found out in court. That Mr. VAN INGEN pursued them with admirable perseverance is shown by the fact that although the libel was published four years ago, he has just gotten through with some of the offenders.

We would commend his zeal in defending his good name to Hon. M. S. QUAY, who has been charged over and over again by a prominent and responsible New York journal with an offense of a criminal nature, and he so far has not ventured to go to the courts for a defence of his reputation.

Another Republican Pension Raid.

The PICKLER pension bill, which is intended to "liberalize" the application of the pension laws, is certainly very liberal in its provisions as it proposes to include deserters from the Union army, and will also give a chance to rebel soldiers who, when the rebellion was at its last gasp, came over to the Union side. The only object of the PICKLER bill is to permit the granting and increasing of pensions far beyond the provisions of the present law.

This new pension raid is intended for political effect. It will be useful as a campaign measure in this presidential year. Republican votes will be gained by enlarging the number of persons who will be made to look to the Republican pension law for a pecuniary benefit.

The deserters have been out in the cold ever since they turned their backs on the old flag, but if their desertion shall be overlooked by the PICKLER bill and they be given a chance to share in the government's bounty, why should they not vote the Republican ticket for such a favor? Nothing has been done to interest southern soldiers in the pension system, "but if pensions can be secured for those who abandoned the Confederate cause, when they knew it was lost, why should not their votes be secured by making them the beneficiaries of a "liberalized" Republican pension law? The Republican vote is slim in the South and this would be a means of enlarging it.

It is certainly a very "liberal" pension law that proposes to include deserters from both the Union and Confederate sides. This PICKLER pension scheme is intended entirely for election purposes. It is designed to remove almost every obstacle that stands in the way of anybody getting a pension, and to enlarge the class of voters who will be made interested in such a "liberal" Republican measure.

What a rascally old party it is that will thus use the public money as a means of debauching the elective franchise.

No Chance of Improvement.

It is admitted in all quarters that the last Pennsylvania Legislature was the meanest and most good-for-nothing legislative body that ever got together. In addition to the general inferiority of its quality, it was peculiarly worthless on account of its being almost exclusively Republican in its membership.

It should be supposed that the members of such a body wouldn't have the face to ask for a re-election, but it is found that in almost every Republican district the rooster who occupied the legislative perch at the last session wants to go back and roost for another winter at Harrisburg, and he doesn't blush to announce that such is his ambition.

The political sensibilities of the old party that dominates the State through machine power have become so blunted that there is danger that it will inflict another such a Legislature upon this Commonwealth. In Philadelphia the same scaly set that led the dance of extravagance and corruption at the last session are up for re-election, and by the way politics are managed it that city it is probable they will turn up again at Harrisburg next winter. The country representation may also be expected to be a repetition of the good-for-nothing set who revelled in the spoils of the State last winter a year.

As long as a majority of the people of Pennsylvania continue to submit to the men and methods that control their politics they can expect to have Legislatures of no better character.

Raising More Money for McKinley.

After frying all the available fat out of the rich manufacturers to promote the nomination of the Ohio champion of tariff spoliation, manager MARK HANNA has hit upon a plan of raising more boodle for the MCKINLEY boom that is characteristic of the ingenuity of the Ohio politician.

That State is laid out in districts, for each of which a collector is appointed, who solicits subscriptions with the information that the names of those who contribute will be preserved and put where they will do the most good for the contributors. It is calculated that \$50,000 will be raised by this method of collecting MCKINLEY money.

His entire campaign is based upon the idea of corruption. The manufacturers who expect to be benefited by the restoration of his tariff have been called upon to contribute to the corruption fund required to purchase delegates, while citizens of Ohio are given the promise of office in return for their contributions. As there will be over a hundred contested seats in the St. Louis convention MCKINLEY does not propose to lose any of them for want of funds to hold them straight.

Imagine the amount of corruption in the administration of a President nominated and elected by such methods.

The Governor has refused to interfere with the procedure of the law in HOLMES' case and the fief will get a taste of his favorite medicine on May 7th.

A Deserved Dish of Crow.

One of the Republican journals that is forced to eat crow in consequence of the state convention's endorsement of QUAY for President is the Philadelphia Press, and it affords us pleasure to see it compelled to gulp the distasteful dish. There is no mess so dirty that the Press doesn't deserve to have it crammed down its throat.

The Press affects to accept complacently the action of the state convention that endorsed the leading political corruptionist of the country for President of the United States, allowing itself to become entirely oblivious of the position it took in 1885, when QUAY was arranging to nominate himself for State Treasurer. Referring to the treasury scandals connected with QUAY'S name, it is said that such a nomination "would take the lid from off the treasury and uncover secrets before which Republicans would stand dumb."

Yet this truculent and truckling organ concedes its support to the presidential candidacy of the man the disclosure of whose alleged obliquities in connection with the state treasury it said would dumbfound the Republicans. We hope that CHARLES EMORY may be able to adjust his digestive organ to the repulsive mess which the state convention has compelled him to swallow.

Aby and Honestly Managed.

The full details of the recent bond sale have been received and the result shows the excellent management and fully vindicates the integrity of the officials who had charge of the transaction.

The amount of bonds sold was \$100,000,000, but the sale was so judiciously managed that it netted a total return to the treasury of \$107,777,826.86.

From the villainous innuendoes of the administration's traducers it might be supposed that the government's interest was sacrificed by the treasury authorities for the advantage of favored parties. This is the import of the slanderous rumors set afloat for political effect, even assailing the President and Secretary of the Treasury with the vile charge of being in league with Wall street bankers to swindle the government.

This infamous attempt to produce a political effect by vilifying the administration is triumphantly headed off by the exhibit which shows that the transaction was so ably and honestly managed that the government made a clear profit of over seven million dollars in the sale of the bonds.

Useless But Expensive.

What an expensive body our plutocratic U. S. Senate has grown to be. It may be neither useful nor ornamental, but there is no question that it is costly.

Each of the members have an annual salary of \$5,000, which ought to meet all their expenses, even including the item of "cold tea." It is in fact big pay, considering the small amount of service they perform. But they have increased their expense to the government by providing themselves with clerical assistants and body servants, at an average additional cost of \$4,483 for each Senator per annum, which, together with the senatorial salary, makes each one of these high-toned lawmakers cost the United States \$9,483, or an aggregate of nearly a million a year for the ninety who compose that exalted body.

When it is considered that during the past session of nearly five months the Senate, the same as the House, has done absolutely nothing of any value to the country, a dollar a day would have been more than paid them for what they really earned.

Firm in the Democratic Column.

The first reports gave the Republicans premature hopes of carrying Louisiana at the recent state election, which was encouraged by some gains they made in New Orleans, but it turns out that the Democratic majority on the state ticket is 30,000 with a proportionate majority in the state Legislature. It is true that a disreputable Democratic machine was smashed in New Orleans, as all such machines should be smashed, but the Democratic strength in the State remains intact. Mr. BOATNER, who was recently turned out of his seat in Congress by the unfair decision of a Republican committee, has been re-elected by the Democrats of his district, and in all respects Louisiana remains as firmly in the Democratic column as ever.

It was feared that the repeal of the sugar bounty might shake its allegiance to the Democracy, but the fifteen millions of dollars distributed yearly among the rich Louisiana sugar planters did not buy up the mass of the people.

Yesterday was the 107th milestone of our glorious Republic. Long may she live, happy may she be, and promptly may her stars and stripes wave o'er land and sea.

Within the past few days MCKINLEY has won in Illinois, Vermont and a majority of the delegates in Georgia.

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The Popularity of a Badge.

From the New York Sun.

The down is still scanty on the face of Spring, yet see what a demand for, or at least supply of, campaign buttons and badges there is, and millions more are on the road. The gentlemen in the denouncing and Populistic line are already working overtime denouncing the Rothschilds and other children of fortune. Why not denounce the button makers and the badge makers? To be sure, they have done nothing but make badges and buttons, but they must be becoming the richest men in the world. Never before have there been so many badges and buttons, and yet the time of buttons and badges is only beginning. By the 1st of June little else will be made in the country. The mails and railroads will carry nothing else. No Republican chest will be barren of a brilliant button and a more brilliant badge. The prime of Spring was never so glorious as that badge-and-button harvest will be. And there are millions of Democratic, Populist, and Prohibitionist chests which ache for buttons and badges. 'Tis the only trade.

A Speedy One.

From the Easton Argus.

Another record breaker has added to the distinction and the effectiveness of the young and growing navy of the United States in the shape of the battleship Massachusetts. Over a course of sixty-two knots that remarkable vessel on her official trial made an average speed of 16.279 knots. This is certainly remarkable for a ship of the class recognized as the most formidable in modern naval architecture. Each new ship added to the navy of this country is of greater efficiency than any other of its class either of this or any other government. What is lost in numbers is made up by the high standard attained in construction. It is well that Congress has been induced to gradually make up the deficiency of numbers. At the present rate the United States is destined to have the best navy on the globe. It is a rapid pace that has been set for the navies of other countries.

The Makers of Supreme Efforts.

From the Pittsburg Post.

Governor Hastings, it is reported by his Harrisburg friends, will "make the supreme effort of his life" in nominating QUAY at St. Louis. It has generally been supposed that he made the "supreme effort of his life" to down QUAY in the combine fight last year. Congressman Stone, of Allegheny, and Senator Penrose, of Philadelphia, are reported as rivals for an opportunity of making the supreme efforts of their lives in seconding the QUAY nomination. No other is mentioned from outside the QUAY camp. It is interesting to note on behalf of the Senator, which in itself is rather discouraging. Either Mr. Magee or Mr. Flinn will probably second the nomination of Governor McKinley, if they can get the chance.

The Cause of the Salvation Army Trouble.

From the Hollidaysburg Register.

The trouble existing between Ballington Booth and his father grew out of the latter's hatred for anything American. He insisted that the Salvation Army should dispense with the American flag when on parade, and that it should cease to entertain American ideas. The young man, however, would not submit to his father's demands and resigned. Every true American will honor and uphold young Booth for his patriotic stand, and hereafter show more consideration for the Salvation Army, which is doing a grand work in this country.

An Arrangement of Robber Tariffs.

From the Altoona Times.

The platform adopted by the Allentown convention shows that the Pennsylvania Democracy are as heartily opposed to protection to-day as they ever were. It was expected that they would declare themselves on this subject as they did and thus show that they appreciate that the recent hard times was not caused by Democratic tariff legislation or the fear of the same.

To Be Regretted.

New York Commercial Advertiser.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Smalley's "view with alarm" the Venezuelan situation. We can assure him that the American people have deeper interests in their own affairs than in the squabbles of Great Britain. There is not going to be any war over the disputed territory.

It Is Never Too Late for Sincere Repentance.

From the Baltimore Herald.

The reported baptism and reception into the church of H. H. Holmes, the multi-murderer, is one of those occurrences which provide scoffers with material for attacks upon religion, and give the Bob Ingersolls of the world the weapons with which to assail orthodoxy.

Not To Be Wondered At.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

It is stated that "the average amount of sunshine per day in England is four hours." Is it any wonder that Englishmen desire to annex Venezuela, South Africa, Burmah, Egypt, the Soudan and other regions where Sol is given a fair chance to shine.

Cubans Feeling Good.

HAVANA, April 27.—The Cuban sympathizers in this city are secretly rejoicing over the receipt of trustworthy intelligence that further aid for the insurgents has arrived. An expedition with a large quantity of arms and ammunition, has safely landed on the coast of Pinar Del Rio and the supplies are now safe in the hands of the patriots. The expedition comprised a large number of men, all well armed and equipped for instant service. No details are given as to where the expedition was from, but there is no doubt of its having safely evaded the Spanish warships and troops.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—A Pittsburg salesman, Allan Aldrich, dropped dead at Hamilton, Ont.

—William Garrett made a determined but ineffectual effort to escape from the Lebanon jail.

—Governor Hastings planted a Norway maple tree in front of the executive mansion on Arbor day.

—Two girls frightened off a thief who was trying to break into Saylor's wholesale grocery store, at Reading.

—Michael Soba, who kept a store at Shenandoah, is missing, greatly to the discomfort of numerous creditors.

—Fish warden Ford has begun a war upon Sunday anglers in Luzerne county, four arrests being made yesterday.

—Over \$14,000 was contributed on Sunday towards the purchase of a site for a new Methodist church, at Pottsville.

—John L. Cowan, who is wanted at Pittsburg for forgery, was captured in Guatemala, and is on his way to Pennsylvania.

—While rowing in a boat on the Susquehanna river, at Nanticoke, Walter Robinski was swept over a dam and drowned.

—For robbing David Moyer's mill, near Bethlehem, Thomas Burke and James Welsh were sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

—An insane negro was found riding on the rear platform of a Philadelphia & Reading express at Sunbury, but he escaped capture.

—One hundred and eighty-four children under the age of 5 years died in Philadelphia last week. The total number of deaths for the week was 556.

—Spurious dollars and half dollars are being shoveled by shovers of the queer in Altoona. Detectives are on the ground but so far no developments have been brought to the surface.

—Sunday while Yon Lee, a Jersey Shore laundryman, was out walking, a burglar entered his place of work and stole sixty-two dollars in cash and thirteen dollars in wearing apparel.

—The boiler of Noah Mumpher's saw mill, located about three and one-half miles from Lewisdown, exploded Thursday, completely demolishing the mill and slightly injuring two of the employes. Low water and a worn out boiler caused the explosion.

—The Clearfield National bank, of Clearfield, has taken out a burglar proof policy of insurance of \$15,000, which is intended to protect that institution against any loss from burglars, etc. This kind of policy is becoming quite popular with banks, and is an additional guarantee to depositors.

—At Williamsport Saturday evening Edward Hazel, aged 20, being afflicted with cramp, drank two ounces of Jamaica ginger. It proved to be an over-dose and the young man became very ill. A physician was summoned who succeeded in removing the drug from his stomach. Had not relief come when it did, the young man would have died.

—The Baldwin Locomotive works at Philadelphia, has just closed an important contract with the Russian government for sixty large freight engines, to be completed by July 1st. With the completion of this contract the firm will have constructed since October, 1895, 134 engines for the Russians. The sixty engines will be adapted for burning oil as fuel.

—A Phillipsburg dispatch says that the bituminous coal operators in the districts sending coal to seaboard have at last completed an adjustment of the mining rate with their miners. Those in the districts sending to the lakes have also arrived at an equitable arrangement, so that everything is ready for the opening of the summer orders and shipping season. Word comes from the Fairmount region in West Virginia that notice has been given of the advance in the rate of mining.

—At Flyntown, Clearfield county, Saturday last, the boiler in Robert Burgoon's portable saw mill exploded. The mill was blown to pieces, while the bodies of Matt McGough, Frank Gates and William Burgoon, a son of the owner, were scattered in all directions. Portions of the bodies were found as far as 300 yards from where the mill stood. Isaiah Gates was slightly injured. McGough was married and leaves a family. Gates and Burgoon were single and their homes were at Coalport. The accident is attributed to lack of water in the boiler.

—The cases against superintendent A. G. Palmer for alleged conspiracy on the charge of Lamott Ames, a removed trainmaster, were postponed at the hearing before a Williamsport alderman until May 6. The other parties accused of the same charges were also held for a hearing until the same time. None of the persons swearing out the information against the defendants were present at the hearing yesterday, which absence led the district attorney to remark that there was something wrong. The case of the prosecution looks very weak at present.

—At Karthaus recently May Minerva, daughter of John G. Emerick, was playing with a number of companions on a railroad trestle at that place. In jumping to the track she was caught by the turntable, which was being moved by a companion, and terribly injured. One leg was broken above the knee and several ligaments were cut. On the other leg the bone was supposed to have been crushed and a piece of iron forced through the fleshy part of the thigh. The little girl died that evening. She was nearly 12 years old. Her remains were taken to Centre Hall for interment.

—George Comoh, a Hungarian, night watchman in the paint shops at Renovo, met death in a peculiar manner some time Saturday night. The accident must have occurred between 12 and 1 o'clock as the watchman had registered the making of his round at 12 o'clock. It is supposed that after making his trip at that hour Comoh had placed a ladder against the boiler or engine for the purpose of repairing a leaky steam valve. The ladder being a little too short the man had used a steel bar with which to pry the valve around a little farther. In some manner the bar fell out of Mr. Comoh's hands and stuck point upward in a trough below. The force of the escaping steam, it is believed, threw the watchman off the ladder and in falling he was impaled on the bar, that piece of steel entering the body under the right shoulder and running through the breast until it touched the heart. The man evidently died without a struggle, as the grasp of his hand on the handle of the lantern had not relaxed any.