

Ink Slings.

The hay-day of the Centre county farmer is now.

Poor Yale! Poor Eli! He did not get there this time.

There are lots of fellows getting in out of the wet these days.

The silver people were afraid to trust HILL, notwithstanding his oft repeated declaration: "I am a Democrat."

Free silver will be the issue and on such a question every farmer in Centre county will know what way to vote.

The storm broke at Chicago, on Tuesday, the cloud had a silver lining and the next President of the United States will be a Democrat.

A silver pill will be the remedy that will fix poor old Uncle SAM up. He doesn't need any more of that emervating tariff business of BILL MCKINLEY'S.

Give us a candidate, no matter whom. Any good man to lead Democracy's boom. We'll take either PATTISON, BLAND or BOISE, they're 16 to 1 shots who'd make lots of noise.

The chairman of the Clinton county Republican committee is certainly an original fellow. According to Cap't. W. C. KRESS' version he spells possible: "possible."

The banking autocrats of New York have owned the United States long enough. The Democratic party has opened a way for the common people to procure freedom and they'll do it.

We are sorry that PATTISON cannot be nominated, but with him an impossibility give us BLAND, who is the logical candidate of a Democracy aiming at the re-monetization of silver.

The New York stock broker who wanted to bet \$100 that Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama would go for MCKINLEY is a fool and that is no doubt the reason that no one offered to take his wager.

No one has offered as a possible explanation of the balloon's failure to go up, at Hecla, on Saturday, that the presence of the original Undine left the country short of wind enough to inflate it.

Yale made a creditable showing in her race with Leander, at Henley on the Thames, on Tuesday, but creditable showings don't win races, so Yale won't bring the royal challenge cup home.

When the committee notified MCKINLEY of his nomination, last week, it didn't go about the work as if the news was expected to take BILL'S breath away. Oh no, BILL had heard that all before.

The bloomer craze has run itself out—great credit to womankind. No one gainsays her right to wear whatever she pleases, but that modesty which man loves in her must be preserved if his esteem would be courted.

The GOULD son-in-law recently gave a \$100,000 lawn fete in a rain storm and from the costivity of the affair it is judged that dame nature wasn't the only person that soaked him. If poor old JAY could only come back wouldn't he fuss about the way his money is being spent.

The eastern gold papers, when they found their pet hobbies knocked from under them, went to inventing lies about the bitterness between the eastern and western delegations in the Chicago convention. The stories are lies from the whole cloth. Good feeling prevails and there will not even be a bolt, as was the case at St. Louis.

The bill of a Republican walk-over in the fall still goes on, but it has a very different meaning now from that of a few days ago. It only walk-over that party will have, and it will be the journey over the political stage, or 16 to 1 shot will do the business, so fleetly that they will never know where they are at.

If MCKINLEY is to depend on the States that nominated him for his election he would not even get a place in the November race. Yet they say he was nominated by the "irresistible" demand of the plain, common people. The delegates bought from Democratic States, which he never can hope to carry, are the fellows who nominated this incompetent aspirant for honors so high.

WILLIAM I. SWOPE, Esq., of Clearfield, ex-practitioner at the Centre county bar, has no doubt gone out of the business of lecturing on "the needs of the hour." BILL found out what the greatest ones were when he went before the recent Republican convention in Clearfield to be nominated for the Assembly. What he said was voted as he did not get them. The lecture business is busted. Everyone knows his "needs of the hour" without paying to hear him tell of them.

The fundamental principle of government is that the majority should rule at all times. Upon this premise no man can be a Democrat who refuses to accept the enactments of the Chicago convention. If BLAND should be the party's nominee for President an honest, pure man will have been named for the highest honor within the gift of our people and a man whose experience with the currency question has been so sound as to fit him most peculiarly for the duties of President, during a period when the currency will be the vital question for legislative consideration.

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Proposed Partisan Liquor Law.

The gang of reckless politicians who control the public affairs of Pennsylvania are capable of concocting almost any sort of rascally scheme, and therefore it is not surprising that QUAY should propose to change the liquor laws of the State with a view to gaining a political advantage.

There is every reason to believe that there is truth in the report that it is intended to have the next Legislature pass a liquor law similar to the RAINES' law in New York, which takes the power of granting from the courts and lodges it in the hands of a partisan commission that may turn to the advantage of the party in power the immense influence that can be exerted through the liquor influence.

By this means the method of licensing as now provided by the BROOKS' law will be completely revolutionized. That power will be invested in a partisan board of commissioners appointed by a Republican Governor, and controlled by a Republican boss. Such a State liquor machine, under such control, operating upon those who are interested in the liquor traffic, would be a powerful political agency, not only in influencing thousands of votes, but also in securing large contributions of money for political use.

Some may doubt whether such a nefarious scheme could be forced through the Legislature, but when it is remembered what kind of Legislators the Republicans send to Harrisburg there can be no question as to its willingness to pass any measure which the party bosses may demand.

The better element of our people, however, should endeavor, by their votes at the next election, to reduce the profligate Republican majority in a legislative body that has been accustomed to obey the orders of corrupt party managers. Centre county can do its part in helping to diminish the injury and disgrace of such an incubus upon the interest and honor of the State.

Gradual Increase of Revenue.

The fiscal year closed on the 30th of June and the accounting of the government's receipts and expenditures shows a deficit of about \$30,000,000. This was better than the year previous in which there was a deficit of \$42,000,000, and much better than the year ending June 30th, 1894, the last year of the MCKINLEY tariff, when the deficit was \$69,000,000.

This shows a gradual improvement in revenue under the WILSON tariff law. It shows that in the second year under the Democratic tariff there is a deficiency of less than half as much as in the last year of the MCKINLEY measure. This fact is rather a scathing rebuke to the reckless claim made by MCKINLEY in his speech to the committee that notified him of his nomination, that all that was necessary to increase the revenues was to restore his tariff policy, and with the increase of revenue it would produce the difficulty about the currency would be settled.

In formulating the present tariff, which was intended to produce no more money than could be economically expended, provision was made for all the money that would be required by passing an income tax bill as a supplemental revenue measure. This tax was calculated to produce \$40,000,000, annually, and if it had not been annulled by the monied influence brought to bear upon the supreme court, there would have been a surplus of about \$10,000,000 at the end of the past fiscal year instead of a deficit of \$30,000,000. But even with that equitable tax removed the Republican Congress had a chance to make up the deficiency by a tax on beer, but it preferred to have a shortage while it piled up the most extravagant expenses by its appropriations.

The Major Talks Absurdly.

Major MCKINLEY'S knowledge of the monetary question must be very limited, judging from the reitence he maintains on that subject, and his acquaintance with his pet hobby, the tariff, must be equally circumscribed, if we may judge from some of his expressions in regard to it. For example, in his address to the notifying committee he made the absurd remark, in support of the tariff policy, that "our foreign trade, so precipitately cut off by adverse legislation, (meaning the WILSON tariff bill) must be reopened for our surplus agricultural and manufacturing products."

It is characteristic of tariff advocates that they blather away without the least regard to facts. The major indulged in this remark in the face of the fact that his tariff was an impediment to the exportation of American manufactures to foreign markets; that while it was in operation such exportation was reduced to a minimum, and that since the WILSON tariff law has been in force the export of our manufactures abroad has undergone a most remarkable development. It is natural that it should be so, for liberality of trade on the one side begets liberality on the other. The major made an unfortunate allusion when he spoke of his tariff policy as a promoter of the export of American products.

New York's Factional Republicanism.

It cannot be said that Republican politics in New York State are in the most encouraging condition for the party. Harmony has not been insured by the action of the St. Louis convention, which has rather increased the desire of the factions to get at each others' throats. The fight between the PLATT men and the followers of WARNER MILLER has been made more bitter by the way things turned out at St. Louis, and threatens to involve points of controversy that may affect the national ticket.

It was believed by the MILLER faction that boss PLATT had received a backset in the selection of the delegation to the national convention, and there was much rejoicing among them over the idea that PLATT was entirely excluded from the band-wagon and would have to go to St. Louis on a hand-car while MILLER and his faction would occupy a palatial train in making their triumphal journey to the convention. But things turned out quite differently from what they expected. Boss PLATT turned up at St. Louis as the real governing power on that occasion. He snubbed HANNA'S intention to straddle the silver question, and brought candidate MCKINLEY down with a dull thud onto the platform which the goldbugs had prepared for him, much against his inclination.

In consequence there is not the best feeling towards PLATT on the part of MCKINLEY and HANNA, and this animosity is being worked by MILLER and his faction to the detriment of the boss whom they wish to overthrow. The contest is on the nomination of a candidate for Governor to succeed MORTON, and this bone of contention, together with the animosity engendered at St. Louis, has raised a factional fight that is progressing right merrily, which together with the general dissatisfaction created by the RAINES' bill, and other causes, will assist the Democrats in carrying the Empire State at the next election.

Fighting About a Loan.

A new subject of contention has set the hostile Republican factions of Philadelphia again by the ears and increased the bitterness of the chronic misunderstanding that exists between them. Of course this new dispute involves the question of municipal spoils. The "grand old party" always fights the liveliest when the contention relates to official pickings and stealings.

It appears that the anti-QUAY faction, which controls the city government, proposes to pass an ordinance for an \$8,000,000 loan to be used for alleged city improvements. The handling of so much money is a very desirable thing in the eyes of political spoliemen, and in this case it excites the jealousy of the QUAY-ites, who want to deprive their opponents of such an advantage and are said to be endeavoring to defeat the loan.

This is a matter well calculated to excite factional animosity. The city machine—otherwise known as the hog combine—are fighting to secure the handling of so large an amount of money, and the QUAY-ites are not going to let the combiners manage so much boodle if they can prevent it. The organ of the city machine, fearing that QUAY might succeed in defeating the loan, calls in the workmen and labor organizations to array themselves against the state boss who is charged with trying to prevent the loan of money the expenditure of which would provide plenty of work and good wages.

As a matter of course the public interest is in no way considered by these contending spoliemen. The one party is fighting for the handling of a large sum of money which would furnish desirable stealing. The other party is fighting to prevent their enemies from having the benefit of so much swag. That is about all the principle that is involved in this battle of the Philadelphia Republican factions.

Labor's Hatred for Hanna.

MCKINLEY got the right man to push him to the head of the Republican ticket when MARK HANNA took hold of him and secured the nomination for him by means of the money furnished by the expectant tariff beneficiaries, but what he gained in this respect he will lose through the opposition of organized labor which has no liking for either HANNA or his methods.

General master workman SOVEREIGN takes that view of MCKINLEY'S case, expressing his belief that the Republican candidate's connection with HANNA "has gained the bitter opposition of organized labor in every State in the Union."

He goes on to say further: "HANNA has always been a vindictive foe to organized labor. He is an industrious cannibal. He has crushed union after union among his thousands of employees and taken delight in doing so. He is worse than Carnegie. In case of MCKINLEY'S election HANNA would be the real President."

Thus the clouds of opposition are arising darkly around MCKINLEY'S head. The labor of the country has been injured by his policy, and now it is insulted by the political methods of MARK HANNA whom it recognizes as a "cannibal" who delighted in trampling it under his feet whenever he had a chance.

If the Democratic party sticks close together and adopts a reasonable and liberal policy on the currency question the fool confidence of the Republican party will be turned to disastrous defeat in November.

False and Shallow.

In response to the notification that he had been nominated for President, MCKINLEY made a characteristically shallow and untruthful speech to the notifying committee. In regard to the money plank of the platform on which he had been placed, he professed that it had his "unqualified approval." He may have been sincere in this profession, but as his previous public acts and expressions were directly contrary to the doctrine of the platform in regard to the currency, the major's conversion from a free silver advocate to a supporter of the gold standard must appear to have been very sudden.

It may, however, be accounted for by the fact that he found himself obliged to accept principles which he did not want to have inserted in the platform, and the sincerity of his acceptance, under such circumstances, may be questioned.

It is evident from the tone of his speech that he wants to treat the money question as of minor importance, and prefers to push the tariff to the front. With an air of great solemnity he told his hearers that if his tariff was re-established there would be enough revenue in the treasury and "gold would come to us and not go from us in the settlement of trade balances."

It required great effrontery for him to make a statement of that kind in view of the fact that its deficiency as a revenue producer was one of the characteristics of his tariff. It was not intended to be a revenue measure, and in conformity with its intention it cut down the revenues nearly \$90,000,000 in the few years during which it was in operation. It produced an actual deficiency during the last three months of HARRISON'S administration, which would have required a loan if that administration had not concluded to shove this deficiency onto its successor, and during that last Republican administration there was a net loss to the country of over \$120,000,000 in gold.

These are the actual facts with which MCKINLEY may be supposed to be acquainted, and in view of them his claim that if his tariff were restored there would be plenty of revenues and gold would come to us instead of going from us, is a rare specimen of campaign falsehood.

Journalistic Candidates.

Journalists who may be inspired by political ambition did not receive much encouragement from the manner in which WHITELEY REID was treated when he was put up as a candidate for Vice President. The whaling he got was enough to discourage any newspaper man from entertaining such aspirations, yet we observe that several gentlemen of the press are being boomed for Vice President despite the warning that should be given them by the sad case of WHITELEY REID.

The journalists mentioned in connection with the vice presidential nomination are AMOS CUMMINGS, a newspaper man of excellent ability and an able and influential member of Congress from New York city, and also JOHN R. McLEAN, the noted editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer. These are Democratic editors, and as they would run as Democratic candidates they would probably do better than the unfortunate editor of the New York Tribune when he was the running mate of BENJAMIN HARRISON and took his thrashing along with the distinguished wearer of "grandfather's hat."

In connection with vice presidential honors why should not the name of Col. SINGLERLY, of the Record, be mentioned? A nomination of that kind would be very becoming to so distinguished an editor, but it is probable that the Colonel would be so mighty particular about its being of the gold brand that he would refuse an ordinary silver nomination.

Shutting Down for Political Effect.

A Pittsburg correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger informs that paper of a reported design of the iron and steel manufacturers of that region to shut down their works this summer, and adds that it is understood that there will be a general stoppage of manufacturers throughout the country at the same time.

It is not stated that this is to be done on account of an unusual dullness of trade, but intimates that its object is to affect the election. The men who will be thrown out of employment will be made to understand that it is in consequence of the Wilson tariff, and will thus be given an object lesson of the necessity for the restoration of MCKINLEYISM. With all the iron and steel mills closed they can be pointed to by the calamity howlers as an illustration of the ruinous effect of a Democratic tariff.

It is not at all improbable that such a villainous scheme will be resorted to by the parties who want to regain the spoils afforded by MCKINLEY protection. When we see them taking control of the Republican campaign, putting their creature on the ticket at a heavy cost of money, they could not be expected to hesitate in shutting down their mills and prostrating business for three or four months in order to affect the election, calculating to get their return through the spoliation of the MCKINLEY tariff.

The Heathen Age.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. It is easy for the Philadelphia Times to throw off the Democratic garb to which it was not born and into which it fell because its old clothes were no longer comfortable. Col. McClure has had an extended experience in changing his political association, and it is not surprising that he proposes to do the trick once more.

Nor is it surprising that he finds that it is not he but the Democratic party that is changing; because this is the conviction of all those who change their party association. In the last great exodus from the Democratic party, another prominent Philadelphia editor went over to the enemy with his newspaper; which stays there yet, but the Democratic party moved right along; and, of course, no one will have any doubt as to whether it left the editor or the editor left it. The Philadelphia Press did not long undertake to maintain that it was the old and original Democratic party, after Colonel Forney took it into the enemy's camp.

And the colonel was an original Democrat, who got his inspiration in this old town and upon this old journal, which now inspires us, by its record of over a hundred years, along with the sound Democracy of our own lineage, that has been Democratic since Democracy was born, to maintain the honor and integrity of the Democratic flag.

It must have gone hard with Colonel Forney with his Democratic history and work behind him and its inspiration upon him, to leave the grand old party, great as was his personal provocation. It cannot go very hard with Colonel McClure; who was not born or wed a Democrat and who proclaims that he has never edited a Democratic journal.

It is not odd, as we have said, but very natural indeed, that he finds that the inconsistency and variability is not his but the party's; but it is as clear that he is not naturally adapted to interpret the party creed as it is that he is not able now to do it. He sees Democracy in gold monometallism where it cannot possibly exist. Such a soil would not nourish it and in such a soil it has never grown. Democracy calls for sound money, louder than he can call; but gold and silver money have always been the Democratic hard money. It was the money that Jackson fought for when he tore down the United States bank and established the independent treasury that dealt in gold and silver and issued no paper money. There are men yet living who went through the political campaigns in which the Democratic cry for hard money was heard which captured the popular heart.

But the war of the rebellion came, with its great cost, and gold and silver went and fiat paper money came; and a Republican supreme court was induced, under the party necessity, or its belief in the necessity, to declare that this paper money issue of the government was a legal tender for the payment of all debts.

Colonel McClure was among the men who applauded this decision, and will warrant; and it hardly becomes him now to denounce as robbers those who offer silver for debt, even though they do not, as the Democracy undertakes to do, keep it at a parity with gold.

The cry of the gold monometallists against the honest bimetalism that is to be baptized a new as Democratic doctrine at Chicago, is but the frantic wail of the defeated spoiler, who would rob the people of their inheritance. Some of these rabid talkers, no doubt, are honest, and rail at bimetalism because of their ignorance; but there is plenty of malice in the railing of others.

No honest editor, for instance, however devoted to gold he may be, will undertake to say, as the class of Journals edited by Colonel McClure say, that bimetalists are dishonest and that silver and gold at a parity will not make sound money. They will concede that the only issue between Democrats and their convention will be as to the practicability of keeping gold and silver at a parity by the power of this country alone.

Those editors who think they interpret Democracy better than Democrats, know well that all Democrats are bimetalists, and that gold monometallism was never found in the Democratic charter. The frantic declarations made by rabid editors who see no light, except of their own lanterns, unfit them for service in the Democratic line; and their absence from it will be welcome and wholesome.

Those Brave Spaniards.

From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. It was expected that the rainy season would put a stop to the operations of the Spanish troops in Cuba, but current reports show that the valor of the gallant Castilians is not to be dampened even by the heaviest downpours that tropical tempests can produce. Here is that noble hero, Colonel Hernandez Velasco, going on another expedition against the rebels in the Pinar del Rio province, and capturing one of the camps with a resistless clan that nothing can withstand. The defenders of the camp were put to flight, and the whole camp of rebels were made prisoners. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to observe that the camp was a hospital camp, defended by nurses and convalescents—a point that may be taken for granted—as the hospital camps of the rebels are just the places most frequently attacked by the brave Spaniards. What Colonel Velasco did with the sick and wounded prisoners he captured, is not stated.

The Devastated Forests.

From the New York Sun. All the railroads leading into Chicago are congested with freight trains full of silver-mounted gavel. Nobody knows what becomes of all the gavel, but it is clear what becomes of all the trees. They are cut down and made into gavel, and before long they will have disappeared, and there will be no more rain in the United States except perhaps, on the Fourth of July. Keeping Arbor Day as an empty ceremonial, consisting of artificial excitement, but to that it must come at last.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

About 200 lawyers are at Bedford to attend the state bar association convention.

When bathing in a Norrisvorn natorium Miss Hobensack barely escaped drowning.

While visiting at Pottsville, Henry Brown, of Wayne township, suddenly expired.

Missing the rat, at which he aimed, Henry F. Keilly, of Reading, shot his wife in the knee.

The homoeopathic board of state medical examiners failed to pass seven out of 65 applicants.

Mrs. Jennie Levy and her son Samuel, of Newark, N. J., were jailed at Easton for shoplifting.

A Williamsport policeman chased a nude bather through the streets for a mile, the latter having been surprised on the river bank.

Leon W. Washburn's great allied shows and big three ring circus is heading this way. It will exhibit in Harrisburg on Thursday, July 9th.

Centre county will this year receive \$47,410.02. The school department at Harrisburg commenced paying out the school appropriations on Tuesday.

Independent oil producers of Pennsylvania are happy over the decision in New Jersey which will permit the pipe line to be laid under the railroad tracks at Belvidere.

Peter J. McDonald, one of the best known passenger engineers on the middle division of the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, died at his home in Renovo, Saturday afternoon, at eleven minutes after 4 o'clock.

John Spleen, a farmer residing near Ridgway, was found dead in his house Sunday. From the position he was lying in, it is believed that he fell backwards down stairs. His neck was broken. He was about 45 years old.

An Allentown man will shortly start on a tour around the world in a wagon. He will go to San Francisco, from there to China, thence through other Asiatic countries and expect to reach Paris by 1900 to witness the Exposition in that city.

The Danville and Ashland clubs of the Central Penna. league have disbanded which will necessitate the re-arrangement of the schedule. President Spence is growing gray in his efforts to keep the league going with nothing but dismal failure staring him in the face three-fourths of the time.

The Clearfield postoffice was made a second-class office last week and the salary of the postmaster increased an extra \$100. This is pretty good evidence that Clearfield is not going backward. The same cannot be said of Phillipsburg, as \$100 was lopped off the "city" of Centre, showing that she is running behind.

Monday the new company of the Fifth Regiment which will take the place of company I, recently disbanded, was organized at Clearfield by Colonel Theo. Burchfield. It consists of sixty men and three officers. The election resulted: Captain, John E. Harder; 1st Lieutenant, William P. Kelly; 2nd Lieutenant, Americus H. McDowell.

Mrs. Dave Zimmerman, of Sugar Valley, killed a pair of black snakes four feet long. Mrs. J. W. Carroll killed a six foot black snake which lay stretched across the road. Still another six foot black snake was killed by Mrs. Henry Mertz, a sister of Mrs. Wm. Bower, of Rauchtown. The huge snake was found in the house by her little son who was in search of his hat. These daughter's of Eve bruised the serpents' heads all right enough, but they used clubs for the purpose.

A few days ago William Hamilton, who has a wooden leg, was committed to the jail at Cumberland for being drunk. On Monday afternoon the jailer heard sawing going on in a cell, when it was discovered that the floor in one of the cells had been sawed out and with a little tunnelling a jail delivery would have taken place. It turned out that the man had six saws concealed in his wooden leg when incarcerated. It is thought that the man's object was to release Simon Homer of Somerset county, who is under sentence of death there.

Never since Blair county was organized have there been so many prisoners in the jail at Hollidaysburg charged with the high crime of murder. Frank Wilson and James Farrell have been convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Henry Bonneka. Sigmond Shope awaits trial for the killing of conductor John King of the Logan Valley Electric railway, and Albert Johnson and John Scott, two colored men are in jail awaiting the result of injuries they inflicted upon a man at Kittanning Point. Minnie Swanger is there also, and there are thirty-three other criminals within the walls of the Blair county jail.

The Eaglesmere Chautauqua, of which Judge James A. Beaver is president, seems to be growing in popularity. Eaglesmere is located in Sullivan county and is pretty and picturesque. The program for each day during the summer season is completed and includes such speakers as Dr. Atherton, Rev. Harvey Graeme Furbay, Miss Puella Dornblazer and Hon. S. R. Peale, besides celebrated concert companies, vocalists, readers, etc. The summer school has Prof. Lose as principal and Hon. Henry Houck as one of the lecturers. Tuesday, August 25, will be devoted to politics, at which time Gen. John G. Woolley, ex-President Harrison, candidate MCKINLEY, ex-Governor Pattison and ex-Governor David B. Hill may be present.

Harry D'Alma, or Harry Wilson, son of John and Lottie D'Alma died on June 5th at Guatemala City, Central America, while traveling with the Circo Escoces, a circus company. Harry was quite well-known in Clearfield, having been born here, and at the time of his death was 24 years and 10 months old. Harry's father, John Wilson, and later known by his show name, D'Alma, wrote to his wife's folks here last week apprising them of the death of his son. Harry was a fine class circus performer and had traveled with the following shows: Rogers', Main & Sargent's, William Main's, Washburn's, Burk & Franklin's, Walter L. Main's, John Robinson's, Gregory & D'Alma's, Hall & McFlynn's, Sells Bros., Ringling Bros., and others. He was very popular among the circus people and his death removes one of the stars among the younger class of all-around circus performers. The D'Alma family have often appeared in Bellefonte.