

Ink Slings.

The devil is making hay while the preacher is dabbling in politics.

Georgia and Florida knew what to do and did it right. One hears very little of Maine and Vermont nowadays.

Bank robbers have taken to bicycles. Not to stealing them, but to using them to escape on after committing a robbery.

From the way SHARKEY is talking he must contemplate going on the road with a theatrical enterprise this winter.

WEYLER is reported to be feeding Cuban patriot prisoners to the sharks in Havana harbor. This is not the first instance of men feeding the fishes.

All that free silver needs now is votes. The sentiment of the people is with the cause and if you are honestly and sincerely convicted that it is right you ought to vote for every political aspirant who favors free silver.

BRYAN has conquered Indiana, so they say. Already he has talked to more than enough voters out there to carry the State for him. Of course it is not a dead certainty, but then it is a very consoling thought to have.

A fellow by name of BIBB has been named by the scarce money Democrats as their candidate for Governor in Nebraska. A very appropriate name for one who is to be used as a political nose-rag by MARK HANNA's crowd.

TOM WATSON has talked his throat out of joint and has gone to his home, a very sick man. TOM is an interesting feature of the campaign that the public will be sorry to see eliminated, but it might just as well be now as after while.

If burglars continue growing so popular in Bellefonte we would advise those who have the pockets in their pants to hang that bit of apparel on the door knob, so that there will be no occasion for burglars to enter and frighten people to death.

The result of the election in both Georgia and Florida was a surprise to the advocates of free silver. While the issues were strictly of a state nature the pulse of the people is invariably felt in this way. The Republican bug-a-boo that free silver is dying has come to be anything but a bugaboo.

When the Republican managers of Illinois find it necessary to send out a train loaded with one hundred orators and a twenty pound cannon it is pretty safe to conclude that honest goldites place that State in the doubtful column. It is a sign of collapse when it becomes necessary to haul a cannon around to boom any cause.

The greatest morbidity of the campaign is the Kentucky chicken hen that laid an egg with a big "B" on one side and the figures "16 to 1" on the other. She must have been eating silver bugs to have dropped such a curio. One thing is certain there can be no cloud over her parentage. She is the daughter of some good Democratic Kentucky rooster.

How things do change in these political contests. Only a few years ago the Republicans were shouting for higher wages for labor and protection to the American workman. Now their tune is turned. They try to teach the laborer that he had better have lower wages, so long as prices are so low as they will be kept by a continuation of the gold standard.

McKINLEY's bill was the ruling measure when COXEY and his army marched on to Washington. McKINLEY's bill was the ruling measure when the Home-Strikes occurred. McKINLEY's bill was the ruling measure when bloody strikes involved the Pennsylvania and Ohio coal fields and now it is McKINLEY's bill that makes HANNA the autocrat of the Republican party.

It wasn't the rain, that fell in torrents during the entire day that the New York delegation spent in Canton, that prompted Mr. McKINLEY to talk to them of shipping. This true that shipping without water would be like bicycling without a bicycle, but the Republican candidate knows that HANNA won't allow him to talk silver, so he blows off in whatever other line presents itself to his troubled mind.

MILES has withdrawn from the shrievalty contest in Philadelphia but ALEXANDER CROW JR. refuses to get off. MILES was asked to withdraw at the same time the request was made of Mr. CROW, so that a new man could be nominated. Now that MARTIN's man has hauled off it is likely that a new convention will be called, a new MARTIN man named, after which DAVE can go at CROW on the ground of treachery.

Inasmuch as the editor of the National Democrat imagines himself to be a theorist of the most convincing type we have been looking for something original from that source, as a solution of the currency question. If it comes we can assure you that it will be decidedly original. There will be nothing that anyone else has ever thought of in it — because no one else is likely to entertain such foolish thoughts as it will convey. By the way, you don't know the editor, do you? Well, for some reason or other he seems ashamed of his work and doesn't want his name known, but if you stand around where men are talking politics, for a while, you will hear some one use the word "misnomer." He will be the editor.

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His Triumphant Progress.

Candidate BRYAN's progress through the country is the most remarkable episode that ever occurred in the political history of the country. There was never a movement that went so directly to the hearts of the plain people and aroused such earnest feeling in the masses. This is not due to the magnetic character of the man, although that has had its effect, but it is because he is the leader of an uprising of the people against a system of wrong under which they have long suffered; it is because he represents the true principles of Democracy which demand that the government shall be of the people and for the people, instead of its being a mere machine run for the promotion of wealth and for the profit of monopolists and money lenders.

This is the reason why there is such an out-pouring of the people wherever he passes along. This is the reason why crowds linger all night, that they may have a word from him as his train passes in the morning. This is the reason why the meetings that assemble to hear him are vast multitudes, wild with enthusiasm, but earnest in their purpose.

The journalistic minions of the money power, MARK HANNA's subsidized lickspittles, say that these earnest people are Anarchists, but with what withering sarcasm Mr. BRYAN met this foul charge when, in looking upon the many thousands, the innumerable multitude that had thronged from all parts of the country to meet and greet him at Nashville, he said: "My friends, as I look into the faces of these people, I cannot believe that they are Anarchists. I do not believe you find Anarchists out upon the farms and plantations and in the workshops. If you were to send me out to find Anarchists I would find them, at the head of these great syndicates and corporations which think they are greater than the government and refuse to respect the law."

It is the duty of every Democrat to vote for both HECKMAN and MEYER for county Commissioners. Don't get mixed up with the fight between FISHER and RIDDLE. Leave them to settle matters as they deem best and vote for the two honest, practical men who have every claim on you. The opposition is keeping quiet, but that means that there is trouble in the wind. They will have some surprise to work just before the election and we want to warn you of it. Be ready for any scheme, check-mate it at once.

It Should Be Reproved.

The resumption of work by the woolen mills at Raritan, N. J., is announced with a great flourish in the McKINLEY papers as the result of the restoration of confidence in consequence of the Maine and Vermont elections, and the starting up of other manufacturing operations is claimed to be on account of the assurance that McKINLEY is going to be elected.

This fake method of electioneering is intended to impress the laboring people with the belief that their employment depends upon the election of McKINLEY; but there isn't one of the manufacturers that are practicing this deception who could not have started work weeks ago without loss, but who have kept their mills idle for political effect. In fact most of them have been losing money by it, but they calculate that they can stand some loss in helping to secure the increased duties of another McKINLEY tariff, by which they would be amply reimbursed.

This game, that is played by the mill owners whenever they want to force or frighten their hands into voting with the party of high tariffs and monopoly, is repeated at every election in which the question of an increase of the tariff duties is involved. It is actual intimidation, and should be resisted by the men at whose expense it is played. They suffer loss by the mills being closed for no other reason than to affect their voting. This imposition could be stopped by the men voting directly opposite to the cause which this suspension of work is intended to promote. They owe it to their own interest and their own manhood to put a stop to it by such reproof.

Against a Change.

The Republican party, since it has fallen into the hands of the Wall street and MARK HANNA's money syndicates, pledges itself, through its platform, to the continuation of the "existing standard." That is, it promises that no change in the present condition of affairs shall be made. We are to have no more money; no more work; no higher wages; no higher price for that which we have to sell; no better times and no more prosperity for the people generally.

The gold standard has brought us to the condition we are now in. MARK HANNA and McKINLEY promise, those whom it has benefited, that it shall be continued. If you like it—you know what it means—vote for it.

A Supplementary Crime.

The crime of demonetizing silver, which has been followed by such disastrous consequences, was committed in 1873. It was done, as most crimes are done, under cover. Those who had charge of the bill represented it to be an entirely innocent measure, its object being, as they said, merely to make some trivial change in the coinage law, and, as such, it was acted upon and voted for with the slight attention that is usually given to bills that are thought to be unimportant. But after its enactment it was found to have dropped silver entirely from the coinage system, and dishonored the money of the constitution. It was a crime such as would be committed if the sneak thief and the murderer should act conjointly in its commission.

When Congress discovered how it had been imposed upon by conspirators working in the interest of the money dealers, much indignation was expressed, but still there was not virtue enough in that body to repeal the demonetization act. There was, however, some effort made to remedy the harm that had been done, and among them was the passage of the STANLEY MATTHEWS resolution that silver should not be so debased as to prevent its being used for the payment of the government's obligations, that resolution declaring that it could be used at the option of the government in the redemption of its bonds.

Silver thus stood partly vindicated but not restored to its constitutional position. It remained in this situation until it received another blow during the HARRISON administration, when the secretary of the treasury, "Calico" FOSTER, obeyed the imperious demands of the gold sharks of Wall street, and decided to disregard the authority of the MATTHEWS resolution by ruling that the government bonds and notes should be paid exclusively in gold. He had no legal authority for making such a decision. The law enjoined payment in "lawful coin" of the United States, and the MATTHEWS resolution declared that silver could lawfully be used for that purpose; but the Wall street operators, for their own advantage, insisted upon the complete degradation of silver as intended by the demonetization act, and secretary FOSTER complied with their demands by rejecting it entirely as a coin with which the government's obligations could be paid.

Then commenced those raids upon the gold reserve that constantly threatened its depletion and kept the business of the country on the ragged edge of a perpetual panic and in consequence of which \$371,000,000 in gold was paid, in four fiscal years, to the British and American gold sharks. Then began the series of gold loans which proved such a rich harvest to the syndicates of Wall street, New York, and Lombard street, London, and increased the bonded debt of the government \$262,000,000 in time of peace, all of which could have been saved if the treasury authorities had followed the injunction of the MATTHEWS resolution which directed the optional use of silver in the payment of government notes and bonds.

Secretary FOSTER was clearly responsible for the adoption of this system of gold payment, which has been so disastrous to the interests, both of the public and the government, and so profitable to the syndicates for whose benefit it was adopted. His act was a crime supplementary to that of 1873, and yet he has the face to go on the stump in this campaign in defence of a cause which he fraudulently claims to be the cause of "honest money," and in support of monetary measures which were so disgracefully and disastrously exemplified when he had control of the Treasury.

Every Vote Will Be Needed.

It is not a case of crying wolf that prompts the WATCHMAN to impress on those of its Democratic readers in Centre county the absolute necessity of securing every vote possible to carry the county ticket through. There are conditions in this contest that make it imperative that every man on the ticket should be elected. This will not be the case if every Democrat in Centre county does not do his duty.

While it is hoped that there will be a safe majority for all, past experience has been such as to convince everyone that there is no time for sitting around with folded hands imagining things will take care of themselves. The Democracy of Centre county must get a move on; a hustling, determined move that will not stop until every voter who is out of the county is brought back and every vote polled. Then the work can stop and a great victory will have been recorded for cheering on the morning of the 4th.

There is no danger for the county ticket if Democrats get alive to the situation. There is, if they don't.

It is essential that Democratic Auditors be elected so that the people of the county will have careful officials to look over the books and tell them how well Democratic officers have kept the faith reposed in them. Vote for Messrs HESS and KISTER.

The Spurt in the Wheat Market.

The recent moderate and evidently temporary advance in the price of wheat is being taken advantage of by the goldites to show that the inflation in the value of money by the gold standard had nothing to do with the depression of the price of wheat and other products of the farm.

Since that cereal has gone up a few points in the European markets they are greatly jubilating over the idea that the farmers are receiving an object lesson that is teaching them that dear money doesn't make cheap wheat. The "hayseeds," who some months ago were ridiculed by goldite journals for their stupidity in believing that they were being injured by the gold standard, are now being flattered with compliments about their being sagacious enough to see from the rise in the price of wheat that the gold standard was not hurting them in the least, and it is being announced, with a great flourish, in the goldite press that the farmers are deserting free silver and will vote for the "honest money" of the goldbugs.

No class have had a better opportunity of observing the gradual and steady decline in the price of their products than the farmers themselves, and they have too good a reason to be convinced that it is in consequence of the appreciation of the value of money. There may be temporary spurts in the grain market by which the price may be sent up a few points, but as these occur from local and temporary causes such as the failure of the foreign crops, they indicate no permanent condition, but are followed by the price falling back to the low point at which the gold standard has fixed it, and at which the general price of farm products will remain if they do not get lower, until relief is afforded by the adoption of the free silver policy.

Should Be Left at Home.

If there is a solitary voter in this county, or in this congressional district who can give a single reason why he, or any one else, should vote to re-elect W. C. ARNOLD to Congress we would be glad to know what it is. Two years ago, through the general demoralization of politics, and the folly of leaders in this district, he was chosen to represent it at Washington. He took the oath of office, he drew his salary—and what else? Does any one know of him having done a single thing for the district, or for any interest within it? Can any one point to a single act of his that would entitle him to be returned as a Representative of a Democratic district.

It is true, that when present or rather when in a condition to be in his seat, he voted strictly, unanimously, and rigorously for whatever Republican measure was before the House. He raised no question as to the right or wrong of the matter, as to how it would effect the interest of the country or of the people of his district, he only asked what the demands of his party required and he obeyed them, no matter how unjust, how profligate, or outrageous.

While it is a fact, that during long periods of time he was absent from his post of duty, it is also true that while present he succeeded in showing himself to be as bitter and as unscrupulous a partisan as disgraced the last Congress. His district was Democratic. He was elected by the votes of misguided Democrats. He was thus representing a district, a majority of whose people were known to him to be Democratic, and yet in the face of the known wishes of his constituents, of those who had honored him with their support, he proved to be,—when in a condition to be anything,—one of the bitterest, pettiest, partisans that ever drew a salary as a public Representative. There was no Republican steal too monstrous for him to support. No Republican outrage too great for him to aid. He voted to throw out of Congress every Democrat whose seat was contested and voted to pass every Republican theft that was before Congress when—he was in his seat.

What kind of a Democrat is he who will vote to return such a Representative to Washington.

It was not only in partisan matters that Mr. ARNOLD showed his littleness and bitterness. So contracted were his ideas and so expanded his conceit, that he boasted of the power his position gave him to ignore the wishes and defeat the desires of the Republicans who had not favored his nomination. Against these men, most of whom voted for him, he was as unrelenting as he was against the Democratic people of the district; thus showing that his personal, as well as his political, feelings are such as to entirely unfit him for the high position he seeks, and is reason, sufficient, (without reference to his political record, or moral weaknesses) why Mr. ARNOLD should be defeated by the largest vote ever cast against any candidate in this congressional district.

He has been tried. He has been found a failure—a dism., a disgraceful failure. He should and he will remain at home.

A Republican Minister's View of Bryan

From the Lutheran Observer. The political whirl is felt on every hand. Illinois is the battle ground of the nation, and the contest is waxing warm. By birth or present citizenship this state has representation on about every ticket in the political field. We have Senator Palmer as a resident of Springfield, as he is the candidate for President on the gold Democratic ticket. The Prohibitionist Vice-presidential candidate is from Illinois. Young Mr. Bryan was born a hundred miles south of Springfield, and educated at Jacksonville, thirty miles west. I have just secured a little character sketch of him from Dr. Rhodes, of St. Louis, who was on the train with him recently between Kansas City and St. Louis. Dr. Rhodes is not a professional interviewer, and therefore his estimate may be all the more interesting. He says:

"Mr. Bryan is not of my way of thinking politically. As a man, a gentleman, a Christian, I was delighted with him. He is affable without affectation, magnetic, and I have no doubt thoroughly sincere. In my conversation with him the point at issue in the campaign was not alluded to, therefore I cannot say that I converted him over to my side! I sought to impress upon him the tremendous responsibility that would rest on the man whom the people would elect president at this time. He recognized the fact, but felt sure that the only hope for the country lay in the principles for which he stood, adding, 'If Mr. McKinley is elected it only defers our troubles four years more.' Mr. Bryan's confidence is greatly strengthened in his opinion that the common people are with him. He said to me in the course of the interview, 'It is a remarkable fact that all great reforms begin with the common people.' He was struck with the interest ministers of the gospel were taking in the present campaign. Mr. Bryan's strong point is not his oratory; I think that has been greatly overestimated. It is rather his simplicity, and the fact that he is decidedly a man of the people. Whatever the result may be in November, it is promising and an occasion for gratitude and congratulation for the candidates on both sides are Christian gentlemen. Although kept up late on Saturday night, and very much exhausted, Mr. Bryan was in God's house on the Lord's day. We are approaching a crisis, but God is guiding this greatest of Republics as of oldtime, and the ship of state will not go on the rocks at the close of the 19th century."

A Gold Bug's Bullif Calamity.

From the Walla Walla, Wash., Statesman. Some time ago Phil Armour, the millionaire pork packer advertised that he would give 50 cents worth of meat and a Mexican dollar in exchange for an American dollar, and some wag in the east has answered him very pertinently by circular in which he addressed the mighty manipulator of spare-ribs and tripe as "Dear Phil," and says he can do better with his own butcher who offers him 50 cents worth of meat and \$2 worth of Portuguese 3 per cent gold bonds in exchange for a silver dollar. He says the butcher informs him the bonds must be good, as Portugal has been on a gold standard since 1863, twenty years before the other enlightened nations of Europe, and its national debt has only increased 100 per cent since that date.

He notes, too, that the average wages paid all artisans in Portugal are 17 cents. He tells Phil that in his former letter he said that all we need is a little gold, a few banking facilities and confidence; Portugal fills the conditions. It has very little gold, the world has its improved banking facilities, and he himself will supply the confidence; the bonds must be good. He further says: "Our own butcher guarantees that he will continue to give 50 cents worth of meat and the \$2 worth of Portuguese bonds after Bryan is elected," and he asks if Mr. Armour will continue to give 50 cents and a Mexican dollar in exchange for an American dollar after Bryan is elected. He signs himself John Fairplay, and then adds a postscript which says:

"The London Times quotes Mexican gold bonds at 94 1/2 cents; Portuguese 3 per cent gold bonds at 28 1/2 cents."

To what desperate ends the Republicans are driven in the scramble for votes for an unpopular presidential nominee is seen in the wild promises they are making here in Centre county. They are actually trying to head off the sentiment for silver by assuring Republicans, inclined to its support, that Mr. McKINLEY will have a silver bill passed if elected. There is no doubt that Mr. McKINLEY would like to have just such a measure passed, but he is pledged to the party that won't tolerate it. The rich made him their candidate for their own purpose and he dare not jump the traces. No, don't vote for Mr. McKINLEY if you want to see silver restored. Mr. BRYAN is the man who is not afraid to say where he stands on this question.

W. M. CROXISTER, of Worth township, is our candidate for Sheriff. He is a man particularly qualified for the office and has been a life long Democrat. Though there were many others in the field against him for nomination, the convention chose him and the others should turn to his support, just as he would have done had the convention not deemed it best for the party to make him the nominee. Be fair with Mr. CROXISTER, he will be an honor to the party and should receive its undivided support.

MR. CHAUNCEY DEPEW is reported to be looking to matrimony. Miss EDITH COLLINS, the young woman whose name rascal connects with his, denies that there is any truth in such stories and says he is merely her "dear friend." It is very likely that he is.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The Berks county pigeon and poultry association will hold its exhibition December 21st to 26th.

By the X rays Pittsburg physicians discovered a needle in a woman's elbow, which had worked up from her hand.

The Christian Endeavor Union of Bucks county has been awarded the banner for the greatest increase in junior members.

Pretty girls acted as conductors of the East Stroudsburg street cars, recently as the receipts went to the Presbyterian church.

Farnum Lyon, who killed William Patterson, a contractor, while leaving his wife's bedroom, has been acquitted of murder at Coudersport.

Pittsburg police have stopped John P. Quinn, a reformed gambler, from exposing gambling methods, alleging that he does more harm than good.

Aaron Embrick, of Sugar Valley caught a large bear in a trap a few nights ago. The bear was captured at a point on the mountain known as the fourth gap.

The one hundred and fiftieth annual meeting of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed church is being held in Christ Reformed church, Bethlehem, beginning Wednesday evening.

Editor Bangert, of the Falls Creek Herald is editing his paper from the Ridgway jail. Verily the path of the editor is one of ups and downs, but for the good name of the craft, we trust that Editor Bangert will not be taken as a fair sample of the country editor.

Tuesday afternoon a venturesome peasant undertook to investigate the sixth ward in Tyrone, and in its wanderings flew against a pane of glass in Richard Kellar's house. The glass broke and the peasant alighted in the room where Mrs. Kellar captured the bird and killed it. Hunting is made easy in Tyrone.

When J. D. Kelley, of 325 Campbell street, Williamsport, opened his front door Friday morning he found on the door step a telescope, in which was lying a 3-week-old baby boy. The little fellow was taken in and given attention and afterwards turned over to the authorities. The mother who deserted the child is not known.

Samuel Shope of Altoona, while drunk, threw a stone during the Blair county semi-centennial celebration which hit conductor King of the Logan Valley electric railway and inflicted injuries that resulted in death eight days later, pleaded guilty before the court yesterday to murder in the second degree. Shope's council will present evidence in mitigation of sentence on sentence day.

An investigation by Coroner Goeborg, of Williamsport, into the death of 16-months old Grace Connell, which occurred on Friday reveals a queer story. Thomas Boone had the child on his shoulder, when Cornelius Connell, an uncle of the babe, playfully kicked at Boone. The latter, to escape Connell's boot, jumped and fell with the baby under him. The child was killed.

George S. Good & Co. has been awarded the contract for constructing a road between Patton and Spangler. This road is a portion of the Cambria county railroad, which branch is believed to be an extension of the Beech Creek in the direction of Pittsburg. The length of the new branch is nine miles, and when completed it will make the entire length of the Beech Creek from Williamsport to Spangler 158 miles.

The first game of the season was exhibited in front of Butcher Winner's meat market in Lock Haven, on Monday morning. There were two deer and two young bears. The deer were captured near Egleton, Scottdale region, by a hunting party consisting of John Irvin, C. H. Shoemaker, George Hager and David Willson. Irvin shot both bucks. The one weighed 227 pounds and the other 175 pounds.

The remains of Elizabeth Stout, the young woman who committed suicide at Drury's run, near Renovo, by shooting herself, was interred at the North Bend cemetery Tuesday noon. Services were conducted in the Presbyterian church, Renovo, before going to North Bend. The deceased's age was 23 years. It now transpires that she attempted taking her life ten days ago by swallowing Paris green, but recovered from its effects.

James L. Miles, the Republican nominee for sheriff of Philadelphia, Wednesday announced his withdrawal from the candidacy. This move is the result of a request to this effect that was made upon Mr. Miles and Alex Crow, Jr., the McKINLEY citizens' and Democratic nominee for sheriff, by a committee of prominent Republicans, in order that a new Republican candidate for the office should be named. Mr. Crow, however, declines to withdraw. The Republican sheriff's convention will shortly be reconvened for the purpose of selecting a new nominee.

On Tuesday a bold kidnapping affair took place at Bingham Center, near Williamsport. While Mrs. John Todd was driving through the village a man rushed out of a store and grasping her five year old daughter Sadie started down the street. A buggy stood in waiting in front of Howe's store and was immediately taken possession of by the man, who drove off. Although a number of spectators gave chase, the bold kidnapper escaped with the child. Thursday an attempt was made to steal a dead brother of the stolen girl at the fair at Westfield; but it was frustrated by the police. It is generally believed that the kidnapping was prompted by enemies of Mrs. Todd for the purpose of getting even for a fancied wrong.

Information has been received at Hollidaysburg to effect that the action of the Blair county court in the prosecution against county commissioner John Hurd for various misdemeanors in office has been affirmed by the state supreme court. Many suspected that the supreme court would decree that Mr. Hurd should serve out his term, hence the news was a surprise. The sentence of the court last December was that Mr. Hurd should vacate the office of county commissioner of Blair county, pay a fine of \$50 and the costs of prosecution. The other cases against Mr. Hurd have been quietly slumbering on the court docket, and it is not likely that the same will be pushed to trial. Under the law, the president judge and the remaining two commissioners have the power to make an appointment to fill the vacancy. It is probable that Republican candidate John A. Smith, will be appointed.