

—There is a decided difference between being in a "brown study" and having a "brown taste."

—A new United States Senator was sworn in on Tuesday. Will he be a sugar speculator, a gold sycophant or a tariff tinkerer?

—Snow and frost in the Northwest were unhappy reminders that the winter months are not the only ones that have a cinch on the flannel business.

—The Providence Journal insists that the DINGLEY bill is catering to the Germans and canary birds because sauer-kraut and canary bird seed are on the free list.

—There are very few fellows who meet with as cool receptions as Lieut. PEARY, the Arctic explorer, does, yet there are fewer who have the same tenacity to stick to a bad job that he displays.

—Secretary GAGE predicted, in his St. Louis speech, that there will be an immediate advance of prosperity, but the country is not rejoicing over the sight of the advance agent and his bill car.

—Angle-worms and tangle-foot are the greatest essentials on a fishing expedition. How strange that angle and tangle should be so near alike, with only a t's difference and that very "tea" that makes angle tangle.

—London medical testimony has record of "a man who thought himself to death." He must have been an American who went over there and then thought he heard the hum of the industry that was to rebound through the land after MCKINLEY'S election.

—One of the features of the Queen's jubilee ceremonies will be the creation of a lot of new dukes and earls. The American demand is getting greater than the English production and they have to make them to special order now to keep up with the idiotic heiress' cries for more.

—Dr. LOCKWOOD, of Dunlo, drank some nux vomica, the other day, just to show a hesitating patient, for whom he had prescribed it, how harmless it was. The doctor is dead. Yes, it killed him and we believe all the more firmly in the old adage that a doctor's mistakes are always buried.

—The Mercersburg constable, who shot and killed a desperate negro character, who was resisting arrest, will never live down the horror of having killed a human being, but if there is anything in extenuation relieving the consciousness of having done such a deed that the whole town went his bail ought to furnish that.

—New York city sends BOOTH-TUCKER, head of the Salvation army, to jail for keeping a disorderly house when that very "disorderly house" has probably been the means of saving that city millions of dollars and many lives by reducing crime, through the conversion to God of those prone to commit it.

—"Liar!" "Perjurer!" and other like epithets are not exactly the nicest wording in which to express opinions of certain State Senators, yet that is the way some of them are being called off now. With scandal in our national Senate and scandal in our state Senate our Republican institutions are apparently breeding license for too much lee-way.

—"Tis indeed a pity that a greater incentive is not offered for oratorical effort in the Bellefonte public schools. One gentleman has led the way and the results are certainly such as should warrant others in establishing prizes. There is no accomplishment that is quite so valuable to a young man or young woman as the faculty of being able to express their thoughts fluently.

—"Things are beginning to shape up out in Ohio and it looks very much as if the Democrats will have a sweeping victory in the fall. HANNA is to be knocked out and the failure of he and his side partner to produce the much boasted prosperity as what is going to do it. BRYAN is in Cleveland now and this visit has done much to cement the breach in the Democratic ranks. All that remains to produce victory is a thorough union of the party against the common enemy.

—"The cold water party is in session in Altoona and as is always the case the delegates are making a great fuss over what they intend doing. No need of such declarations. Everybody knows just what the Prohibitionists will do. They will vote the Republican ticket, most of them, when the time comes and keep up the reputation they have always had for howling one thing and doing another. We have great respect for the women Prohibitionists, but the men are not faithful.

—"Pull down the wall that a high tariff constructs and make trade as free as possible," says A. B. FARQUHAR, the great implement manufacturer of York, and then J. R. G. PRYKIN, delegate from the New Orleans boards of trade to the commercial congress in Philadelphia, says: "There is necessary, first, a protective tariff and, second, an active foreign trade." Now did you ever hear of such rot as this jasper from the South talks. The idea of a higher tariff and then a larger foreign trade, as if the two went hand in hand. The higher the American tariff wall the harder it is for American products to scale it and it stands to reason that no foreign country is going to play at the one-sided game, of tickling us without being tickled in return.

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The Junketing Abuse.

A letter protesting against any more legislative junkets has been issued to the voters of the county by president HOOPES, of the Chester county branch of the national league of business men. The reason given for the protest is the impropriety of such junkets at a time when there is a deficiency of state revenue.

What else could president HOOPES expect of the kind of men his party sends to the Legislature than that they should idle away their time in junketings, and spend the public money in the manner he complains of? When the Representatives whom the Republican party selects to make the state laws are the henchmen of a political boss and the instruments of a party machine, it is folly to look for faithful public service on their part, and useless to condemn them for indulging in idle and wasteful practices, which are in keeping with their general character and conduct as Representatives.

This junketing abuse is not a new thing with Republican Legislatures. They have indulged in it at every session for years past; yet this abuse, together with others equally reprehensible, has not prevented the Republican majority in the State from sending such characters back to the Legislature to repeat and continue their censurable proceedings.

By continuing to invest such characters with the legislative function encouragement is given to such abuses as the appointment of the ANDREWS investigating committee, whose proceedings have been nothing more than a long continued junket. The members of that committee have been enabled to loaf around Philadelphia, off and on, for the last two years, at an expense of \$468 a day to the State, if the big appropriation asked for to defray the expense shall be passed, of which there is every probability.

The committee that for the past two months has been going through the coal regions pretending to investigate the condition of the mine laborers is another junket. It does not require investigation to discover that the condition of that class of workmen is deplorable. The fact that they are robbed and oppressed by the pluck-me store system and the manner in which their wages are paid is so patent that it need not be investigated by a committee. Much of the wrong to which this kind of labor is subjected could have been prevented, long ago, by legislation that would have shielded it against the wrongs practiced upon it, but Republican Legislatures could not be brought to enact laws that would conflict with the interest of corporations and wealthy employers.

This junketing committee that is traveling through the mining regions will do about as much for the mine laborers as has been done by Republican Legislatures in the past. Its principal object is to make an appearance of doing something for the working people, and to give its members an outing at the expense of the State. A report will be made recommending some sort of legislation that will be so framed as to enable the mine owners to evade it in the same way that they evade the act requiring monthly payment of wages and prohibiting company stores. The heavy expense of the committee's useless tour will be paid by the State, and will help to increase the deficit in the state treasury caused by Republican extravagance and profligacy.

It is well that president HOOPES, who is himself a Republican, should protest against the junketing abuse, but he should know that the only way to stop that and other legislative abuses is to turn out of power the party that has been encouraged to commit these wrongs by the approval which the people have accorded them year after year at the polls. When such unfaithful public servants are backed by a majority at every election, what else can be expected than that they will continue their wrong doing?

The Bill for Fitting Up Grace Church.

The prosecution against doctor SWALLOW is still pending. As all the world knows, that reverend gentleman is confronted by the penalty of the law for having dared, in his editorial capacity, to make the charge that crooked business was being done in some of the departments at Harrisburg, particularly in that which has control of the public grounds and buildings.

His general charges, which did not transcend the liberty which a due regard for the public interest allows to the press, brought down upon him the wrath of the entire state administration, which manifested itself in a number of libel suits; but the party who was particularly insistent upon a vindication of his official character by process of law, was BILLY DELANEY, superintendent of public grounds and buildings, whose suit against reverend SWALLOW has not yet been determined by the blind-folded goddess who holds aloft the scales of justice.

While the question whether doctor SWALLOW was justified in charging super-

intendent DELANEY with extravagant, if not corrupt, conduct in his management of public buildings is still suspended in the court, the superintendent hands in to the Legislature his charges for having put Grace church in condition to be occupied by the Legislature.

The size of the bill almost took away the breath of a lawmaking body that is not easily scared by extravagant charges. Even the Legislature that has been scattering the state money right and left, regardless of an empty treasury, was stunned by DELANEY'S figures, which amounted to \$56,590.36. This was an amount almost sufficient to have built the church from the corner stone up to the top of the steeple, and if it took all this money, merely for the inside fixing needed for the temporary use of the Legislature, the cost of a new capitol, on the basis of DELANEY'S figures, would run into millions.

The work done in the church did not appear, even to the liberal minds of a QUAY Legislature, to warrant such charges. It was difficult to understand how the little temporary desks in the House could have cost \$18.40 apiece, and the larger ones in the Senate \$37.60 each, amounting in all to \$16,531.68. The painting did not seem to be of such artistic finish as to call for an outlay of \$4,322.25. Nothing but a heated imagination could conceive the heating apparatus to have cost \$12,872.96, and a bill of \$4,322.65 for lumber and carpenter work could be based on no other hypothesis than that indicated in representative NESBIT'S resolution that called for an investigation of the charge that lumber which had not been used was put in the bill, a resolution that was quietly pigeon-holed.

Superintendent DELANEY'S suit against doctor SWALLOW, which is still in court, may vindicate his official reputation by inflicting a penalty upon the reverend gentleman. Yet it will strike the public mind as a singular circumstance that an official exculpated by such a vindication should have brought in a bill for repairing Grace church which astonished even a Republican Legislature, and compelled the House committee on public grounds and buildings to hand it back to the superintendent for revision.

Ill Timed Violence.

The workmen at Wilmerding, in the western part of this State, who, the other day, tore down pictures of President MCKINLEY on account of the delay of prosperity, did not act wisely, although there can be no question as to the energy of their action.

They were employees of the WESTINGHOUSE air brake company who had been thrown out of employment by reason of the works being closed for want of orders. Their discharge provoked them to commit this act of violence to the President's picture, while they denounced his advance agency as a fake and his prosperity as a fraud.

In all probability these same workmen were among the number who swelled MCKINLEY'S majority. They helped to elect him, and they should now not get into a rage because he does not do what they should have had sense enough to know he could not perform. He was nominated by a party that had all the trusts, monopolies, corporations, bank syndicates and plutocratic gold-bugs working for the success of its nominee, and a little reflection at that time, exercised with a reasonable degree of common sense, should have convinced these laboring people that if that nominee should be elected President these great monied interests would have to be served and not the interests of poor workmen.

There is nothing now left for these disappointed WESTINGHOUSE employees to do, at least for the present, but to grin and bear their situation. Major MCKINLEY was elected to serve the interests of quite a different sort of people. A stiff tariff will be enacted that will increase the profits of the beneficiaries who contributed the money for his election, and this is about the only prosperity that those who put their money up for the election of the Republican President are interested in.

We would advise the disappointed working people who voted for MCKINLEY not to show their anger by tearing his pictures. Rather let them show that they have learned a lesson that will prevent them from being again fooled into the belief that a party that is run by trusts and bank syndicates, and looks to that source for its campaign funds, will do anything for the benefit of working people.

—The CAMPBELL bill, that is before the present Legislature, fixes a tax of three cents per day on all unnaturalized male residents of the State over twenty-one years of age, and the employer of such people to collect the amounts. Though the bill has passed second reading in the Senate it will hardly become a law, since it has already been held that no law requiring employers of labor to be tax collectors, when not elected as such, can be constitutional.

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Similar Cuban Policies.

Newspaper readers have a recollection of the manner in which the CLEVELAND administration was abused by the Republican organs for its Cuban policy. It was represented as being indifferent to the wrongs of the Cuban people, if not in actual sympathy with their Spanish oppressors. It is remembered how President CLEVELAND was denounced for not assuming an attitude of hostility to Spain in compliance with a resolution of Congress that would have put the responsibility on his shoulders if trouble had ensued. Nor is it forgotten how he was censured for alleged neglect of American citizens who were said to have been the victims of Spanish oppression and cruelty.

All this clamor was so recent that it is easily remembered, but not a word is heard from that source at this time when President MCKINLEY is pursuing the same course that brought such censure upon CLEVELAND. The neutrality laws are being enforced just as CLEVELAND enforced them. Filibustering expeditions and supplies of warlike munitions are prevented from going to Cuba, just as they were interdicted by the CLEVELAND administration. If American citizens are imprisoned, outraged and oppressed by the Spanish authorities there is nothing more being done at this time to prevent or avenge it than was done before MCKINLEY got into office. If President CLEVELAND failed to recognize the belligerency of the Cubans upon a resolution of Congress, a similar resolution passed by the Senate is prevented from being brought before the House by speaker REED, who is no doubt carrying out, in this matter, the wishes of the President.

Thus it is seen that the present administration is pursuing a course with regard to Cuba just like CLEVELAND'S. The Republican organs that censured the one are now making excuses for the other, although the course of both is similar.

Favoritism in Administering the Law.

The administration of the law in this country is getting into such shape that it has different treatment for different kinds of offenders. The law that is applied to the wealthy does not appear to be the same as that which is applied to people in humbler circumstances.

An example of this discrimination is furnished by two cases in Washington. The broker CHAPMAN, who was sentenced to thirty day's imprisonment in the Washington jail for refusing to testify before the Senate committee in regard to the sugar trust scandals, is allowed, during his confinement, all the luxuries that wealth can purchase. His jailor has fitted up his prison "parlors" with palatial sumptuousness, and everything is done that may contribute to his ease and comfort.

In contrast to this, a resident of Washington named BALL was put into the district jail for a bailable offense about the time of CHAPMAN'S incarceration. As he was a poor and uninfluential person he could not furnish the bail that would have released him; but he was not a convict as CHAPMAN was. Being a person in humble circumstances, the request of his friends to supply him with something better than prison fare was positively refused, while the keeper of the prison allowed the rich-broker to revel in luxury.

Another instance of discrimination in the treatment of those subject to the law is furnished in New York. Last week the leader of the salvationists was arrested for being too noisy in his religious performances, and as he wasn't backed by wealth, he was adjudged to be an offender and subjected to punishment. This, however, was not the kind of treatment accorded to the SEALEY bacchanals, in whose case the prosecution for immorality that shocked the public some months ago has not been pushed. The prosecuting officer of the city of New York, the same functionary who was so prompt in putting the law in force against poor BOOTH-TUCKER, the salvationist, announces his intention of dropping the suit against wealthy SEALEY and his licentious companions, as he thinks that gentlemen of their wealth and standing have been punished enough by the publicity that has made the incident unpleasant to them.

Our country is getting in a bad way when such discrimination is shown in administering the law.

The Primaries Tomorrow.

Don't forget that primary elections will be held in every precinct in the county tomorrow afternoon and that it is your duty to attend. All elections will be held at the regular polling places between the hours of 3 and 7 p. m.

—The HAMILTON road bill, with a \$500,000 appropriation clause for expenditures on the roads of the State, has passed second reading in the Senate.

—Tell your friends that the WATCHMAN is the best paper published in the county. It costs only \$1.50 a year now.

And We'll Leave Our Gold Abroad.

From the Pittsburg News. We are off for a month to Europe in bang-up tourist style. With a gripsack full of guide books From Scotland down to the Nile; We'll chase through the Tower of London And whirl around Paris, And there ain't a sight, by day or night, That we will fail to see. We ain't much stuck on pictures The Dago artists paint, But we'll size them up, "ong passong," (Just notice our accent quaint). We will drop for an hour on Madrid To taste the garlic rank, And then at Monte Carlo, We'll break the durned old bank. We'll take a shy at Pisa, Where the leaning steeple stands; And we'll hope through old Vienna, With her soldiers and her bands. Then in Constantinople We'll see the turbaned Turk, Who sits and smokes while other folks Have got to go to work.

The Pot Calling the Kettle Black.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. City and State, Herbert Welsh's paper, quotes with emphatic approval a brace of the best paragraphs from Wanamaker's recent speech before the business men's league, and then City and State wants to know what special warrant, or any warrant, Mr. Wanamaker has for saying these things. It will be remembered that holy John inveighed bitterly against corruption in Pennsylvania politics, but this corruption has been notorious for years and Mr. Wanamaker's voice has not been raised against it, but on the contrary has he not been identified with it in the raising of campaign funds.

"We are getting the truth in all this just now, in all this fullness, simply because Quay has turned his back upon his willow, facile and most munificent supporter."

Of What Use is It?

From the Easton Argus. Lieutenant Peary, who has made a name for himself as an Arctic explorer, has been granted a leave of absence for a period of five years for the purpose of extending his inquiries in the exploring line. Although his services as an engineer in the navy are valuable to the government, there is a feeling that his work in the Arctic regions may be of inestimable benefit to the government of this country and to the world in general. The North, in its icy grasp, holds many treasures that would be valuable in a scientific and a geographical sense, and it is with no feelings of regret that the leave of absence is granted. It is not expected that the trip will be in vain.

Singularly Still Chasing Rain-bows.

From the Philadelphia Record. Mr. Benjamin C. Potts, of Delaware county, this State, who did good work upon the stump last fall, has written an open letter to chairman Given, of the National Democratic party of the State, which is in effect a call to the true Democracy of Pennsylvania to move to the front. Mr. Potts urges that a date for the state convention should be fixed, for the reason that the dominant party offers no hope of good government in Pennsylvania, while in national affairs it has been equally a disappointment. The points are well taken. The time is certainly propitious for a forward movement of the Jeffersonian Democrats of both the State and the country.

It is a Condition, Not a Theory, that Confronts Him Now.

From the Clearfield Republican. Two years ago Governor Hastings was doing his best to have laws passed creating new offices for men who were supposed to have long political pulls which would be useful in his campaign against Quay. (Gibkinson, Orady, Delaney, Willard, Rice, Reeder, Wells, Lambert and others were legislated into fat jobs which were wholly unnecessary except to boost big Dan into power. The Democrats protested at the time, but their protests did not avail. Today the same governor is in a dilemma over the question of raising sufficient revenue to rebuild the capitol and make the necessary appropriations.

Mr. Searles Acquitted.

WASHINGTON, June 1st.—In the case of John E. Searles, the sugar trust witness, Judge Bradley this morning ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal, holding that the questions asked the witness by the Senate committee were not pertinent and if so were not within the jurisdiction of the committee. The jury accordingly rendered such a verdict that Mr. Searles was free.

The judge pointed out that Mr. Searles had testified specifically that no money had been contributed by the sugar trust to the national campaign, or for the purpose of influencing legislation or the action of United States Senators. Mr. Searles had testified that he did not know how the contributions had been used.

The judge said a simple investigation as to whether the sugar trust had contributed to a campaign fund would be an unwarranted search into the private affair of the company. If the money had gone for the purpose of electing members of state legislatures, who in time would elect a United States Senator, it was beyond the power of the United States Senate to go behind the election of legislative members. If this were true as to state matters, how much more true was it of local elections. It would be the wildest conjecture to assume that the money so contributed in any way had gone to make up the sugar schedule.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Sunbury will have free mail delivery on July 1st.
—Pittsburg will put its highway and sewer employes on bicycles.
—John Wanamaker will address the Shamokin high school graduates on June 11th.
—Hamilton Bros., of Pittsburg, will erect glass bottle and tinplate works at Irwin and say they will employ 600 people.
—Bernard Adams was attacked and stabbed on Market street bridge, Shamokin, Saturday night. James Cotes was arrested.
—After drilling 3100 feet oil sand has been reached in a well near Waterville, Lycoming county. The well will be shot with nitroglycerine.
—William Yackley, who says he was drunk, stabbed Samuel Hersog, at Lancaster, Saturday night, in the left breast. Yackley was arrested.
—Director of public safety J. O. Brown, of Pittsburg, has prepared an answer denying the charges of fraud made against him in connection with the department's new building.
—Harry Farmer, of Lexington, was terribly injured Sunday in attempting to jump an east-bound Pennsylvania railroad train two miles east of Lancaster, being en route to see a sister.
—The large barn on the farm of supervisor George Peck, in Uwechlap township, Chester county, was struck by lightning, Sunday, and totally destroyed, together with several head of stock and all the farming implements. There was no insurance on the building.
—It cost \$56,590.36 to fit up Grace church in Harrisburg for the use of the Legislature. The furniture cost \$16,531.68, and steam heat fixtures \$12,872.96. Conservative people in the rural districts think a very handsome house could be built complete for half a hundred thousand dollars, but then legislative honors come dear.
—Through mistaking nitrate of silver for salt a farm hand Sunday night poisoned the entire herd of cattle belonging to T. Darlington Strode, of West Chester. A half dozen head are already dead and the survivors are in a bad condition. The nitrate of silver had been used on asparagus beds and left in the barn, and when instructed to feed the cows the usual quantity of salt, the hired man by mistake got into the wrong bag.
—When Allen B. Rorke, the contractor of Philadelphia, who was awarded the contract for tearing down the old capitol at Harrisburg at his bid of \$4,750, began work on Monday morning a whole army of unemployed workmen gathered in the capitol grounds, clamoring for work. Only 115 were employed while 1000 were disappointed. There were more than 100 women on hand pleading for work for their husbands.
—David Filikill (colored) was fatally shot by policeman Wolf at Mercersburg Saturday night. Wolf had arrested Filikill and was taking him to the lock-up when the prisoner and his brother attacked him. Finding the men were getting the best of him Wolf fired five shots from his revolver, one taking effect in the abdomen of David Filikill. The latter ran a short distance and then fell unconscious. He was taken home and died Sunday night.
—Joseph Spencer one of the best-known citizens of Blair county, was fatally injured at Roaring Springs Monday, while attempting to save a neighbor's dwelling from the flames. Mr. Spencer was standing in front of the house, and directing the firemen in their work. Suddenly the chimney directly above him toppled over, pinning the unfortunate man to the earth and cracking his skull. His death is momentarily expected. Mr. Spencer was chief of the fire department and a school director. He has a wife and four sons.
—As a result of a peculiar accident, Miss Holt, of Warren street, Philadelphia, will probably lose the sight of one of her eyes. While engaged in dressing her hair, Sunday, she in some way touched the hot curling tongs to the eye. Miss Holt, who is 23 years old, was hastily making her toilet at the time, but is unable to explain just how the accident occurred. She was hurried to the Presbyterian hospital, where it was found that the eyeball was severely burned, and the physicians fear that the sight has been destroyed.
—Word comes from Nippenose valley to the effect that another cave have been found about one-fourth of a mile from the opening of the cavern recently discovered near Oriole. The second cave has not yet been explored. Another exploration of the oriole cave has been made. A raft was put in at the opening and came out at Sanderson's dam, three-eighths of a mile below. It is now known that there are fish in the cave, as two trout were caught in the stream. The cave is fifteen feet high and fifteen wide in many places, and there is talk now of lighting it by electricity.
—Jesse Willis, a prosperous farmer living near Ryot, Bedford county, is the possessor of a remarkably strange freak of nature in kittens, built on the Siamese twin order, only this one is a quintet, inasmuch as there are five fully developed heads attached to one body. The freak is but a few weeks old, and a strange feature about it is that four of the heads have ceased to show any signs of life and are "dead-heads" in the true sense of the word. An effort was made to amputate the deceased craniums, but it was finally given up, and the ultimatum of the would be surgeon was that the freak could follow "Topsy's" footsteps and "jist grow."
—The large saw mill of Weaver, Johnson & Co., at Hyner, was destroyed by fire, Monday night. The watchman was under the mill, when suddenly he discovered that flames were issuing from the entire upper portion. How the flames originated is not known. The flames communicated to the stable and to the large piles of lumber, all of which were burned. The yard was piled full of sawed lumber and all of it was consumed. All the buildings except the house were burned, together with the wagons. The mill had a capacity of 40,000 feet a day. When running full handed from eighteen to twenty men were given employment. A few days ago the mill had ceased sawing pine to start on a job of shingles. The mill was covered with an iron roof. There was no insurance and the loss on buildings and lumber is placed at about \$30,000.