

Ink Slings.

—Now would be a good time for our Bellefonte enthusiasts to have another excursion to Canton.

—Free trade would be a more hopeful incentive to unloading the over-burdened ware-rooms of eastern manufacturers than is the free-ride sort of inducement to get country merchants to buy.

—The depth of the affections of GILLESPIE, the star witness for the prosecution in the CORNELLY arson trial, were measured in an extremely original manner when he spoke of the Coleville girls as "females" and those of Axe Mann as "ladies."

—The American window glass association is the latest trust that has sprung into existence under these beneficent Republican tariff ideas.

—The only trace of the recent reunion of the mighty SMITH family at Lakemont, near Altoona, is a set of false teeth that were picked up on the grounds.

—The number of young girls who have been crowding the court room since the trial of JAMES CORNELLY was called seems to indicate that he will be quite the fad in town in the event of his acquittal.

—The rise that has taken place in the wheat market is one that will profit the farmer more than any advance in the price of any of his products has done in years.

—AL HANKINS, a noted Chicago sport, sat down on his folding bed, Wednesday evening, and he never knew that his neck was broken.

—The assassination of great public characters seems to be growing in popularity. No sooner has the Spanish prime minister's murder been dropped by the newspapers than the story of the shooting of the President of Uruguay is reported over the world.

—There were forty-five thousand veterans in line at the great encampment parade, at Buffalo, on Wednesday.

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The Only Prosperity in Sight.

The managers of the Republican party are congratulating themselves on their luck in being relieved by a boom in wheat which may verify their promise of prosperity.

No combination of circumstances could have been more favorable to the agricultural interest of this country, insuring a great profit, and it comes just at a time when the Republican promise of prosperity became due.

But how much of this prosperity can be credited to Republican measures? What part of it has been brought about by the DINGLEY tariff?

Let us suppose that the situation in regard to the crops was of the usual character at this time, with Europe producing her accustomed harvest, and Russia, India, Australia and Argentina in condition to compete with the United States in supplying the normal deficiency in the European market.

Unless the Republicans can show that they were instrumental in blasting the crops in Europe and other wheat growing regions, and influenced Providence to favor this country with an unusual harvest this year, we can't see how they will make it appear that they are entitled to credit for the prosperity which will be solely due to our big wheat crop.

Who Will Pay for the Free Rides. The country dealers who are being lured to the eastern cities to buy goods by "merchant's associations," and "trades leagues" standing the expense of their railroad fare, should not delude themselves with the idea that the cost will not be footed in the end by other parties than the city merchants.

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What the Bankers Want.

The meeting of the bankers' convention, which was in session, in Buffalo, during the past week, was an occurrence that should interest the American people.

A tremendous influence is exerted by the parties who assembled at Buffalo to deliberate upon questions affecting the money interests, and particularly such as are connected with the banking business.

The direction in which that power will be exercised appears to be sufficiently indicated. It was shown, last year, when everyone of these institutions contributed its share of the means by which a national election was carried, and evinced by their tendency to the centralization of wealth for the attainment of political as well as commercial predominance.

The sentiment of the bankers is unanimous for the limitation of the currency to the narrow basis of the gold standard. The more contracted the basis the better for their interest.

This is a synopsis of what the bankers proposed at their convention, and what they will attain if it can be accomplished by influencing the governmental authorities, towards which they made a big step at the last election.

Hanna's Surplus of Boodle.

There is certainly something suspicious in the circumstance that the checks which HANNA's paymaster, Major DICK, handed around among the Populists of Ohio at their state convention to induce them to nominate a straight ticket, with COXEY at the head of it, and thus prevent a fusion with the Democrats, were drawn on the bank at Washington where HANNA keeps the balance of the boodle fund that was left over from the MCKINLEY campaign.

There was no attempt made to conceal these checks. They were passed around and handled as if they were being used in a legitimate business transaction.

The large balance which HANNA has on hand for the purpose of political corruption this year shows how lavishly the contributing trusts, bankers and moneyed corporations poured their money into the campaign fund last year.

The contributions for last year's campaign from the various interests that expected a share of the tariff plunder was so profuse that HANNA actually couldn't spend it all and has about \$2,000,000 for this year's Ohio campaign.

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Demoralized by Bad Association.

EX-GOV. ROSWELL P. FLOWER, of New York, furnishes an example of the demoralization to which Democrats were exposed by allowing themselves to stray off into the camp of the goldbugs.

The ex-Governor stood high in the councils of the Democratic party. He had the confidence of Democrats to such an extent that he was elected by them to the high office of Governor of New York.

Who would have expected ever to see Gov. FLOWER stand before an audience and defend these organized robberies, yet that was what he was recently seen to do when in an address to the farmers of the New York state grange he declared that "to inveigh against trusts is to cry out against combinations of human effort and passion in every field of activity—to set one's self against the laws of progress and in favor of retrogression and anarchy."

There could not have been a more barefaced attempt to represent as legitimate "human effort," in the way of business activity, these conspiracies to break down competition and restrict trade in order to secure the ends of monopoly, and nothing could be more impudent than to stigmatize as "anarchy" the natural opposition of those who suffer from such a system of spoliation.

That ex-Gov. FLOWER should have specially selected the sugar trust as an object of defence shows how debased his sentiments have become since he abandoned the principles upon which the Democratic party contended last year against industrial, as well as monetary monopoly.

In addition to his abandonment of Democratic principles, it may be that ex-Gov. FLOWER's large interest in the Chicago gas trust has had its effect in arraying him among the defenders of those rapacious monopolies that are robbing the American people.

Produced by Exceptional Causes.

The prophet who predicts that the present rise in the price of wheat is going to be a permanent condition shows that he has not learned anything from past experience.

The New York Evening Post, in remarking that the exceptional advantage of the present great demand for our wheat cannot be continuous, says: "The high markets of 1879 set all the world to raising wheat and building railroads to carry it to market; in 1882 the world's harvest was 200,000,000 bushels larger than the heaviest crop ever produced before the shortage of 1879."

An occasional profitable crop of wheat, with conditions that send the price up in the neighborhood of a dollar, does not disprove the fact that the value of agricultural products have steadily fallen since the demoralization of silver.

The Republicans are making all the political capital possible out of the wheat crop. The improvement in business which it may cause will be credited to the DINGLEY tariff, but this claim will be as absurd as the assumption that an occasional rise in the price of wheat from exceptional causes proves that agricultural values have not been depreciated by the demoralization of silver.

—One of the anomalies of the present business condition of the country is the fact that the more bread goes up the less it will go down.

The Cause of Dollar Wheat.

A great ado is being made by all the Republican journals over the advanced price of wheat, they all giving the credit of the advanced prices to their party.

The truth about the matter, as every intelligent man knows, is that the wheat crops in foreign countries have been short, while India has an actual famine and starvation. The best authorities, taking the latest figures, put the European wheat crop this year at 1,294,000,000 bushels as against 1,518,000,000 a decrease this year of 224,000,000 bushels.

A Badly Botched Ballot Law.

The new ballot bill, known as the Becker bill, appears to be fatally defective in one clause, that which declares that upon the ballots to be voted at any election the names of any candidate shall not appear more than once by certificate of nomination, or more than once by nomination papers.

The Geology of the Klondyke.

Under eternal snow and ice the geological formations of northern and western Alaska lie hidden, and the scientists who have visited that wonderland have given us little definite information concerning the nature of the strata.

But there are other facts which show that the formations are varied, and that the territory is not devoid of rocks of a more recent geological age.

France and Import Duties on Wheat.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The *Eclair* and other papers say that official circles regard it as useless to suppress the import duty on wheat, and assert that M. Mellin, the premier, has made no special declaration on the subject.

The *Temps* says he has given the matter close study, but at the ministry of agriculture, which does not appear to share the excitement of the newspapers, there is no disposition either to suppress or to lower the duties on cereals.

Spawls from the Keystone. —The peach harvest has fairly commenced in Cumberland valley. —Mrs. Jacob Mawry, of Tamaqua, fed a tramp who awarded her kindness by stealing \$40. —The new United Evangelical church at White Deer, Union county, was dedicated Sunday. —Mystery surrounds the disappearance of Thomas Johnson, who left his home at Mauch Chunk last Thursday. —A Lehigh Valley train killed George Mastro near his home at hickory Swamp, Northumberland county. —Ermentrout Grove camp-meeting, near Stroudsburg, Monroe county, has closed after a successful 10 days' session. —The 3000 Union Coal Company employes in Northumberland county will work an additional day each week until further notice. —On the charge of stealing Valentine Stump's horse at Avon, Lebanon county, Harvey Wise was held in \$1000 bail for court. —Farmer Owen Artz was found dead in the road near Mohrsville, Berks county having been thrown from his wagon and killed. —It is estimated that the advance in wheat will make Berks county farmers \$180,000 richer than their expectations one month ago. —Walking in her sleep, Mrs. Earnest Ulrich, of Cranberry, Luzerne county, stepped into a mine hole and almost perished before help came. —Five thousand men are expected to take part in a parade of the Demonstration Association of Central Pennsylvania, at Leighton, on Labor day. —Fire damaged the chemical factory of Henry K. Wampole & Co., manufacturing druggists, of Philadelphia to the extent of \$50,000, on Saturday last. —Lockjaw caused the death of Robert Luther, who in a fight at Altoona a couple of weeks ago, was struck on the head with a stone, alleged to have been thrown by Geo. Peight. —Samuel Gelwix was elected borough superintendent of the Chambersburg schools, and J. H. Kriechbaum, of Millersville, was made principal of the high school, the position heretofore held by Gelwix. —One hundred applicants for naturalization, half of the number that came up before Judge Savidge, at Sunbury, Monday, were refused papers because they could not properly cast ballots in a booth set up in the court room. —Harrison Gehris, better known as "Pete" is without doubt the champion bark peeler of Potter county. Mr. Gehris is 30 years of age and weighs 165 pounds, and the past season he peeled 2363 cords of bark by himself. Some days he peeled as high as eleven cords. —At Salladasburg Wednesday, Mrs. Mary Whitcomb went to Dr. C. B. Bastian to have several teeth extracted. The dentist at first refused to administer ether, owing to the weak condition of the lady's heart. The woman was suffering intense pain from toothache and insisted that the anesthetic be given her. The dentist finally yielded to her importunities and gave her the ether. Mrs. Whitcomb did not gain consciousness and died in the chair. Her husband and two small children survive. The dentist was exonerated from all blame. —The prospectors who are searching for minerals on the Bald Eagle mountains are still at work, but as yet have found nothing of value more than the outcroppings of ore of several kinds. From the Jersey Shore *Spirit* it is learned the company now have leased about 4000 acres of mountain lands in Clinton county, on the mountain just south of Aughenbaugh's Gap, and extending from the Clinton county line almost up to Pine station. Several tracts they have purchased outright. They expect to keep prospecting on their claim until they have thoroughly investigated the entire space. —The changes made by the present state holiday law are as follows: February 12th, Lincoln's birthday, is made a legal holiday for the first time. The third Tuesday of February, election day, is made a full holiday instead of a half holiday, as was provided by the act of assembly on May 23rd, 1893. Whenever May 30th (Memorial day) shall occur on Sunday, the following day, Monday, is to be observed as the legal holiday, instead of the preceding day, Saturday, as has been the case heretofore. The first Monday of September is designated as Labor day, instead of the first Saturday in September, as was the case under the act of assembly of May 31st, 1893. —Warren W. Dickson, post office inspector at Pittsburg, on Saturday received a letter from Miss Maggie D. Ake, post-mistress at Portage, Cambria county, in which she states after reading the account of the robbery of the Barnesboro post office by James Lewis and William Moore, the men now in jail at Hollidaysburg, she believes that they also robbed the Portage office, for both jobs bear the same finger marks. As at Barnesboro they fastened the doors of the sleeping rooms of those who lived over the post office and kept them prisoners while they blew the safe open and got the money in it. In blowing open the Portage safe they did just as was done in Barnesboro. A hole was drilled in the top and a charge of blasting powder put in. They got \$165.56. —The two men arrested on suspicion of robbing the Barnesboro post office, had a hearing before United States commissioner McClead, of Altoona. Postmaster Huber, of Barnesboro, identified the money, stamps and registered packages found upon the prisoners when arrested at Lewistown, showing in his register book where he had noted the receipt of one of the packages. Other citizens of Barnesboro testified of having seen one of the prisoners in the town the day before the post office was robbed. When the government rested its case one of the prisoners made a statement. He said his name is William Moore, and that he alone robbed the post office. The other prisoner was only a chance acquaintance whom he met for the first time at Barnesboro the day before the robbery, and whom he met afterwards and traveled with until arrested. The other prisoner, who said his name is James Lewis, repeated this statement. In default of \$2,000 bail for Moore and \$1,500 for Lewis, they were both remanded for trial at the United States court to be held at WilliamSPORT.