

Democratic Watchman

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Ink Spills.

—WEYLER'S Cuban tobacco embargo being lifted a slump in the home cabbage market might be looked for.

—LOUISE MICHEL, the notorious anarchist is to be kept out of the United States, unless she is able to crawl in under the bars.

—MR. MARCUS HANNA has taken the stump in Ohio. Now is there anything left in the Buckeye State that does not belong to HANNA?

—LEUFGERT sausage will never be popular as a fad. It is all right to talk about eating ground up dog, but the stomach will rebel at the horrible idea of dissolved woman.

—Almost every public school in the country reports an increased number of scholars with its opening. Here is one business that seems to prosper, notwithstanding tariffs or currency problems.

—A real live German duke was drowned near Hamburg, on Wednesday. This will be a sad blow to some of the old fools, known as American mothers, who tote their daughters abroad to die for their wealth for nobility.

—Now that WEYLER has taken the embargo off Cuban tobacco the nice party in Philadelphia will feel it their duty to further festoon the lamp posts of the Quaker city with little placards, bearing the admonition: "Please don't spit on the pavements."

—Spain is hunting friends all over continental Europe. Since consul general LEE has been sent back to Cuba and minister WOODFORD has gone to Spain the patriotic cause has taken a decided jump and the patered out old monarchy is beginning to sient trouble over the sea.

—In England whenever a baby is born to the nobility it is advertised in the papers. The English nobility is so badly pattered out that such an event is looked upon as a great thing. They come with such unceasing regularity in this country that the only way they excite any interest is when they are trips or fours.

—The first report we had of the yellow fever was early last fall when Hogan's Alley society went wild over a yellow kid. New York journals caught the yellow streak, they struck it all through the Klondyke and now they are getting it up through the South. Indeed the yellow fever is the dead swell thing just now—with the accent on the dead.

—This thing of taking gas to relieve one's heart ache because a lover has killed himself ain't what it seems to be. Miss WEBB, the pretty New York typewriter, tried it. She turned on the gas, but her little light refused to go out and now the police are going to make a terrible example of the foolish maiden by punishing her in court.

—The Spanish government is going to dredge Havana harbor in order to make it practicable to use a floating dock there on which to repair Spanish war ships. The Spaniards are a little dubious about stirring up such a filthy mess as that bay is known to be, but all they need to be reassured is to send a committee up to take a look at the Chicago river.

—Japan is slipping soldiers into Hawaii to have them there, we presume, with which to head off probable annexation with America. We don't want the addition of the foreign and un-American citizenship that such an acquisition would bring with it, but if we did all the squint-eyed soldiers in the Mikado's realm wouldn't keep us from taking it.

—Congressman THOMAS S. BUTLER, of Chester county, has made a pretty show of himself in refusing, as a member of the county board of examiners, to certify to Miss ISABEL DARLINGTON'S qualifications to be admitted to the bar of that county. She is the first woman to aspire to the practice of law in Chester county, is his sister-in-law and studied in his office. A family disagreement is reported to be the cause.

—The first step has been taken in making sheriff MARTIN and his murderous deputies realize the position they are in. All of them have been held under \$5,000 bail, each, to answer the charge of murder and while it is hardly probable that they will be made suffer any penalty the charge and trial will be lessons that they will not soon forget. Being charged with the murder of twenty-three men is no matter to take lightly.

—The narrowness, the selfishness, the lack of christian love in any character is seen in its most glaring light when such cases as the Lattimer tragedy and the WILSON murder in Philadelphia are before the public. Because they were poor ignorant foreigners who were so pitilessly shot down in the mining regions we have heard the cruel apology for the hasty action of the sheriff's posse in the words: "Oh they were only Huns." Because the Philadelphia police have not been sharp enough to uncover the murderer of WILSON they are trying to fasten the crime on his colored porter, because he is least able to defend himself. There is an attempt to extenuate such an outrage as this seems to be by saying he is "only a nigger." What if they are "only Huns," what if MARION STUYVESANT, is "only a nigger," don't they have souls that a Creator cherishes just as fondly as that of any other being? Are they not human?

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STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

Things Well Known to the Public.

It can not be possible that the people of Pennsylvania can condone the aggregate rascality and concrete rottenness that stand exposed in every department of the Republican state government.

The voters of the State, it is true, have become habituated to maladministration of public affairs, their indifference being largely responsible for it, but the thoroughly corrupt manner in which the state business has been conducted and the ingrained dishonesty of the corruptionists who have run the controlling political machine, were never before so clearly exposed or fully understood as they are now. Should the people conclude to allow the State to remain under such control it would show a demoralization of public sentiment and a reckless indifference to their own interests that can hardly be conceived.

There is not an intelligent citizen of the State who is not clearly impressed with the utter worthlessness of the Legislature to which the controlling party has entrusted the lawmaking power of the State. The last legislative body was intentionally, shamelessly and defiantly untrustworthy. It is well known to every intelligent citizen that those unfaithful Legislators were not only willing tools of a corrupt boss in rejecting reforms which the people were led to expect by lying promises, but went further in their work of infamy by passing laws that strengthened and confirmed the abuses which the party had pledged itself to reform.

How for six months this disgraceful body applied itself to legislative jobbery; how its acts were designed to conceal and whitewash the crooked management of the state money, and how, in organizing sham committees that would draw unearned pay, its action virtually amounted to embezzlement and theft—all these shameful facts are well known to the people.

Such flagrancy of official misdemeanor, open shameless and defiant, extends beyond the legislative branch and includes the treasury department, where in consequence of a ruction between the two factions of Republican spoilsmen the head of the treasury is shown, by the testimony of the Governor and his attorney general, to have been guilty of taking money from the public treasury without authority of law, to be paid to parties not entitled to it.

That this political immorality and official debasement, as connected with Republican state rule, is general and hopeless of improvement, is confirmed by the party's state convention giving an unqualified endorsement to the most worthless Legislature that ever perverted and disgraced the legislative function, including in its approval the treasurer, who, upon the word of the Governor and attorney general, may be impeached and punished for a misdemeanor. A further proof of this hopeless Republican demoralization is the fact that when Gov. HASTINGS turns out a secretary for flagrant misconduct he can do no better in filling the vacancy than by the appointment of DAVE MARTIN, the most unscrupulous and disreputable of the Republican machine politicians.

All the facts connected with Republican administration in the State are fully known by the people. With the full knowledge that the rule of that party is corrupt, disgraceful and destructive of the public interest, will the voters prove themselves so indifferent to the welfare of the State and their own good as to continue to maintain the majority of such party at the polls?

The Power of the Working People.

The people of Pennsylvania, and particularly those of her laboring classes who are being oppressed in the matter of wages, will profit by taking to heart the excellent expressions which WILLIAM J. BRYAN delivered last week to an audience of 25,000 people at Sedalia, in Missouri. Speaking of the disturbance arising from labor troubles, and the rash conduct of those who would resort to violence in righting the wrongs of the class who are denied living wages for their labor, he said: "Those who have suggested the burning of property or the destruction of life as a means of settling labor disputes do not understand the genius of our institutions. The American people are a law-abiding people. When laws are bad they will change the laws. LINCOLN was right when he said that 'no one could better be entrusted with the enforcement of the laws than those who toll.' The tollers will respect the right of property. The people as a whole will insist that corporations shall also respect the right of life and liberty." The moderation counseled by Mr. BRYAN, and the peaceful action through the remedial agency of the law, which he advises, is the right policy for the working people in adopting measures for the protection of their rights. They are called upon to meet and correct many abuses and remedy many wrongs, and they are able to do it by the orderly invocation of the law, and by an intelligent and independent use of their ballots. Violence is an unnecessary factor in the problem.

Tariffs and the Troops.

It is a fact, demonstrated by frequent experience, that high tariffs are followed by discontent among laboring people which brings on trouble that furnishes a reason, or at least an excuse, for the employment of the military to keep order. No State has had more frequent and expensive experience of this fact than our old State of Pennsylvania.

The discontent that is the cause of this trouble is entirely contrary to the theory of protection, which claims that protective tariffs ensure plenty of work, good wages, a generally prosperous condition of labor, and contentment among the working classes. This theory is disproved by realities that are directly contrary to it. Reduced wages, discontent, strikes and widespread labor troubles have attended every highly protective tariff, and then the troops have been called out to suppress the disturbance.

It has only been since the era of high duties that the soldiers have been made a factor in the labor question. The tariff that existed in 1877 was highly protective. It had reached a point required by the favored beneficiaries who had taken advantage of the necessities of the war by enlarging and perpetuating the duties imposed as war measures. Yet under that high tariff, alleged to have been maintained for "the protection of industry," there was discontent and trouble among the working classes, arising from the inadequacy of wages, that called out the troops in half a dozen different States. In our own State, during the labor difficulties in 1877, the Pittsburgh coal region was occupied by an armed force, including regulars of the United States army, and the national guard was employed in guarding the coal mines.

When protected wealth required further favors from the government the tariff duties were increased by the McKINLEY act of 1890. It is remembered how the HARRISON tariff campaign, was conducted upon the plea that American labor needed more protection. Upon this fraudulent representation the McKINLEY monopoly tariff bill was passed, and the labor disturbances which followed, growing out of wage reductions and strikes, culminated in the Homestead war, in which the largest force of soldiers that any State ever placed in hostile array against the working people was called into action to suppress, by military means, an uprising of discontented labor.

These troubles ceased to exist after the enactment of the lower Democratic WILSON tariff. In the three years during which that more equitable fiscal measure was in operation industrial peace prevailed. While the great exports of American manufactures showed that there had been no cessation of industry during that time, there were no strikes and no collisions between employers and employees to invoke the military arm for the suppression of labor troubles; but as soon as the provisions of DINGLEY'S tariff act went into operation the soldiers were again employed in their accustomed business of checking the industrial turmoil that prevails under monopoly tariffs.

The massacre at Lattimer was the bloody announcement that the Republican system of "protection" was again in force, and the rifle practice of the sheriff's deputies was followed by a call for the troops.

These are facts and experiences which should arrest the attention of the people of Pennsylvania at this time when they are about to pass judgment at the polls on the party that has been responsible not only for a tariff system which confers its advantages on a class of preferred beneficiaries while it brings labor into collision with the military, but also for a system of state government that has sacrificed the public interest for the benefit of a combination of corrupt machine politicians.

—GEORGE HUTCHINSON Esq., of Warrington, has been removed and re-instated as chief clerk of the pure food commission. He was removed because he had helped QUAY in Huntington county when E. O. ROGERS was a candidate for associate judge, and re-instated because he promised not to do it again, we suppose. His dismissal was more as a "horrible example" than anything else, but we imagine that that is a role GEORGE doesn't fancy playing in the political farce now on the boards at Harrisburg.

—Republican county chairman W. I. SHAW, of Clearfield county, the man whose claim to political pre-eminence is based on the fact that his county has lately recorded Republican majorities, has just been appointed consul at Baranquilla, United States of Columbia. The position carries a salary of \$2,500 and fees.

—Sheriff MARTIN and his crowd of murderers have been arrested. A company of guardsmen escorted them all to Wilkesbarre, where they gave bail for appearance at court.

One Act to the Governor's Credit.

It was quite a heroic act in Governor Hastings refusing to pardon a ballot box stuffer of his own party in Philadelphia, and the assignment of reasons is good. The Governor says:

Who, either as election officer or holder, contributes to the spoliation of the American ballot should be accursed of men, and the stain which discolors him should be reflected upon every person, high or low, who profits by his crime. I refuse to be a factor in the recommendation of the board of pardons, and I decline to exercise executive clemency.

All citizens will commend this vigorous statement, even if their minds linger on the fact that the Governor has just appointed "Dave" Martin secretary of the Commonwealth. The Philadelphia Times knows all about Martin, and says he has "done as much as any other living man to make systematic ballot theft a part of our political system." Governor Hastings knew this as well as Colonel McClure, and possibly had more detailed information on the subject. And the worst of it is that Martin has never repented, but stands ready to continue the business whenever called on.

A Power Without Any Rating Licked Your Bloomin' England in '76.

Lord Salisbury has treated the United States with a kindness they do not deserve, always wearing the silk glove, until America has forgotten the existence of the iron hand beneath it. The idea of our being afraid of a fourth-rate power like the United States could only have occurred to sufferers from a severe attack of swelled head.

America has lost all sense of proportion and has forgotten she plays only a minor role in the affairs of the world. We hope our relations with America will hereafter be distinguished by a firmer tone, as the only way to avert trouble is to make her plainly understand that we are determined not to be shouted out of our rights.

The Free Ride Scheme Did Bear Fruit.

The merchants of this city have secured such an increase of business through the cheap excursions that brought thousands of buyers to their saleroom and warehouses that they want some more of the same sort, and the Trades League is trying to arrange for two more, one in each of the months of October and November.

As the railways have no doubt profited by the increased travel stimulated by these cheap excursions, they will be quite ready to grant the necessary concession as the merchants are anxious to obtain them, and there is every reason to expect that the two additional excursions will be arranged and will be taken advantage of by very many desirous of replenishing their stocks by personal selection.

The entire success of the cheap excursion method of attracting trade to this city should serve to secure its annual repetition. Merchants and railways will profit alike by its adoption and frequent repetition, and both should be willing to work in harmony to secure the greatest possible amount of business. It is far better that the business interests and the railways of the city should help each other than that they should be quarreling.

Convention Postponed.

HARRISBURG, Sept. 21.—The annual convention of the Democratic societies of Pennsylvania, to have been held at Wilkesbarre, Sept. 23d, has been called off, owing to the disturbed condition of affairs in that locality. A meeting of the executive committee of the societies was held this afternoon at state headquarters, in this city, at which the following resolution was adopted: "It does not, in the judgment of the executive committee, appear wise or ready to convene a purely political assembly in a district so disturbed and harassed as that of which Wilkesbarre is the centre, where the military forces of the State are indefinitely stationed. The people are mourning their dead and men of all parties are anxiously concerned as to local events of the most serious character. While the necessity for this action is regretted by the committee and may be disappointing to many delegates and others anticipating an agreeable visit to the hospitable city of Wilkesbarre."

James Kerr, of Clearfield, A. H. Ladden, of Philadelphia, and William J. Brennan, of Pittsburgh, were appointed a committee to fix the time and place of holding the convention.

Trip Postponed.

HARRISBURG, Sept. 21.—Owing to the outbreak of yellow fever in the South, the proposed trip of the Pennsylvania Tennessee commission to Nashville has been postponed. Oct. 2nd had been fixed for the dedication of the Pennsylvania monuments at Chickamauga, and two days later was to have been Pennsylvania day at the Nashville exposition. The exercises at the exposition were called off this afternoon at a meeting of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania commission, and this will necessitate a postponement of the dedication exercises at Chickamauga. The exercises have been postponed without date, but they will not occur in any event prior to Oct. 25th.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Allentown's fair opened Monday.

—The state veterinary medical association meets at Franklin Tuesday.

—Pittsburg capitalists are in a movement to erect a \$100,000 tin plate mill in Ebensburg.

—Danville has a new daily paper, the Morning News, a four-page paper, printed in good style.

—Francis Murphy, the famous temperance worker, will return to Pittsburg to reside permanently.

—The Wyalusing Rocket complains that the water supply of that town is insufficient for fire protection.

—The building trades council will prosecute Allegheny's directors for alleged violation of the eight-hour law.

—The fall meeting of the Presbyterian church, Pottsville, this week.

—The bursting of a glass tank threw 100 men out of work at McKee brothers' factory, Jeannette, Westmoreland county.

—In a collision of train and trolley cars at Ashland Monday night, John Moran, a well-known citizen, was seriously injured.

—A falling roof in Burnside mine, near Tremont, fatally injured Michael Bruner and seriously hurt Jeremiah Reagan.

—While crawling through a fence with a gun the weapon was discharged, seriously shooting Edward Green, of Christiana, in the side.

—Fireman Chris Kazemacher, of Erie, was killed, and several other railroad men were injured, in a freight collision near New Castle.

—By his will the late Bishop Nelson S. Kullison, of the Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania, left \$2000 as a nucleus for mission endowment.

—Stepping upon the electrified iron door above a cellar in Allegheny City, Kathrina Rovego and her daughter were almost fatally shocked.

—As John Wagner was crawling through a barbed wire fence near Tower City his gun was discharged and fatally wounded his friend, Peter Miller.

—For mailing letters that fraudulently asked aid in the name of a church charity, James L. Protzman, of Snowden, Allegheny county, was arrested.

—At Williamsport on Tuesday the boom crew began rafting out the last of this season's sawing. It is estimated that there are about 20,000,000 feet in the boom.

—Reading's school board librarian, Miss Menzel, heroically refused to permit contractors to deliver paper below the contract grade at the board's headquarters.

—Charles Newcomb, of Conkling, O., who was on his way to New York with a car of poultry, fell under and was beheaded by the wheels of a train at Scranton.

—Mary Cernohocsky, aged 6 years, of Allegheny, was rescued from in front of a train by Harry C. Baker, common councilman of the Eighth ward, Allegheny.

—Deadly anthrax germs, imported with foreign hides to a Falls Creek tannery, have spread to the neighboring borough of Reynoldsville, where cattle are dying.

—Thomas Padden, of Midvalley, was beaten and had his skull and shoulder broken for informing on a Centralia gang that stole a keg of beer from a freight car.

—The Attorney General at Harrisburg will hear the Philadelphia municipal league's case for the ousting of Henry Calk, select councilman from the Sixteenth ward.

—A large air tank exploded in one of the Lehigh Valley shops at Wilkesbarre, blowing the roof off the building, but fortunately all the workmen were out for their dinner hour.

—A contract has been entered into with the Scranton Electric Construction Company, of Scranton, to furnish Tankhannock with electric lights. The plant will cost \$18,000.

—A meeting of the executive committee of the Democratic society of Pennsylvania will be held Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the rooms of the state central committee, in Harrisburg.

—Evan A. Griffiths, a legislator, had to give \$1000 bail at Pottsville to appear as a witness at the trial of the libel suit of John J. Coyle against John J. Joyce, which was postponed in Griffiths' absence Monday.

—At Cresson on Saturday an Italian woman shot her husband in the arm because he was unfaithful to her. The woman was arrested and may be punished. Instead of being punished she ought to receive a prize for taking the short cut on the seawall.

—The Clarion Republican says: Down at Economy Philip Martin Shannon is firmly convinced that thirteen is a good enough number for him. His thirteenth wife was a gusher from Gusherville and its staying powers make it the best well he has found in that section.

—The last Legislature gives us two additional holidays, the 1th of February, or Lincoln's birthday, and the third Tuesday in February, or election day. The holiday list for Pennsylvania now stands as follows: New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, February Election Day, Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, November Election Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and every Saturday after 12 o'clock noon.

—A 3-year-old child of Mrs. James Cross, who resides in the Beech Creek region, was bitten by a copperhead snake Sunday while in its crib. The child began crying and told its mother that its back was cold. The mother investigated and found that the child was lying on a snake that had coiled up in the bottom of the crib. The snake had bitten the baby on the neck, but home made remedies prevented the poison spreading. The snake measured over six feet in length.

—The storm which passed over this place Thursday evening last was most terrific at Coalport, Clearfield county, killing William Merriman, aged 22, and injuring Emory Swope. Merriman was engaged in lighting the lamps in the United Brethren church, when a bolt of lightning entered an open window and tore all the clothes from his body. Death was instantaneous. Swope, who was ringing the church bell, received only a slight shock. The plastering was knocked from the walls and the building set on fire. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.