

Ink Slings.

The ground hog ought to be ashamed of itself, trying to palm such weather as this off on us as "six weeks of winter."

The shad season will soon be on. Is there not some one to start the story that there will be a short catch this season?

\$160,000,000 a year for pensions is made doubly grievous to the United States when the defenceless condition of her coast cities is considered.

They say that whiskey mixed with glue will keep it soft and ready for use for years. Most people prefer to save the whiskey by using water.

The third act of a comic opera that amateur's produced in New Orleans recently was laid in hell. The report does not say anything as to the clothes worn by the spirits.

It was too bad that the county commissioners thought of those new steel cells for the jail at the eleventh hour. There might have been enough saved out of JOSHUA FOLK'S salary to have paid for them.

Inasmuch as the DINGLEY tariff bill and gold monometallism, neither one of them, show any sign of relieving the hard times, all there is left for us to do is to quit talking about it and perhaps we will be able to forget that business conditions were ever any better.

The woman who sent a bullet clear through her body, at the Cottage hospital, in Philipsburg, last week still remains mysterious as to what drove her to such a rash act, but it is evident from the manner of her shooting that she intended that they should see through her after she was gone.

ZOLA's trial threatens to turn Paris upside down and if it does the world will get a peep under the robes of French justice. ZOLA will go to prison to suffer with the innocent man he had defended and the French soldiers' honor will have been saved in the eyes of France, but nowhere else.

The European astronomer who has just announced that two moons are to be visible in the sky on the night of July 30th, is delightfully frank in telling the world just what day he proposes to get full. There are lots of fellows who have seen a dozen moons in the sky, but they never tell of it.

WANAMAKER isn't the "dead easy thing" that the business men's league thought he was going to be. JOHN wants a few days in which to decide whether he will put up his money and run for Governor against QUAY'S man. "He who hesitates is lost," but we suppose the Philadelphia merchant would sooner be lost than killed.

GROVER CLEVELAND COLEMAN, of Bloomsburg, just thirteen years old, has been sent to the house of refuge for ditching a train just to see what a wreck looked like. This youth has tried to follow in the footsteps of the man for whom he was named, except that he ditched a train and was sent to prison and the latter tried to ditch his party and has been sent to political oblivion.

That somebody has been lying is proven by a perusal of the bill of the PERKINS detective agency rendered to the county. Notwithstanding the fact that CORNELLY was placed in jail on June 3rd that agency has charged the county with "incidental with CORNELLY" on June 7th. If GILLESPIE made this charge it is not much of a surprise, for very few people here believed any of his testimony.

Whatever may be the outcome of the trouble between Governor HASTINGS and the capitol building commission every one knows that the \$550,000 appropriated for a new capitol is not enough to build a creditable one for Pennsylvania. Governor HASTINGS would do the State a great service if he would secure an injunction restraining the building of a capitol at all until another Legislature has convened and appropriated enough money to do it right.

Senator DUPUY DE LOME offers the latest illustration of indiscretion in matters of state. He was the Spanish minister to this country and in writing to a friend he called President McKINLEY "a low politician catering to the rabble" for popularity, so 'tis said, and like Lord SACKVILLE WEST, the English ambassador whom CLEVELAND bounced, Mr. DUPUY DE LOME will have to run home. In fact his resignation has already been accepted by the Spanish cabinet. When it comes to calling our President names we reserve that right for ourselves.

Our esteemed friend, the editor of the Gazette, is growing more sagacious every day and we're most afraid to pick up his paper lately, for fear of the terrible bombs he has been throwing into the Democratic camp. It is simply amazing, the ponderosity of his last week's article on borough politics. With a master stroke he proclaims to the world that the WATCHMAN hates STEELE HUNTER, the Republican nominee for overseer, as the devil hates holy water. No, dear friend, the WATCHMAN has hatred for no one, but it will have a bunch of flowers for poor old STEELE HUNTER, next Wednesday morning. He can't be elected, so there is an end of it. What's the use of fighting a battle that was won the minute the Republicans turned down MILLER and took up HUNTER.

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The Republican Factional Collision.

The factional split that is disturbing the harmony of the Republican organization in this State and separating it into two conflicting divisions is the natural outcome of conditions that have been approaching an outbreak for several years past.

That there should be a revolt against the personal rule of boss QUAY was to be expected. It so completely absorbs all authority and power in the organization, and reduces the party membership to such a thorough condition of servitude, that it would be attributing too slavish a spirit to the average class of Republicans in the State to imagine that it could continue much longer.

The most prominent figure in this anti-QUAY movement is Mr. JOHN WANAMAKER, the Philadelphia merchant, politician and campaign boodle purveyor. He is backed by the state administration of which HASTINGS is the head and DAVE MARTIN the most conspicuous figure.

Such an array of enemies may overthrow the party boss, but it is not of a kind to reform the party practices. What honest government could be expected of WANAMAKER who by his \$400,000 contribution to the HARRISON campaign fund initiated the political crime of carrying presidential elections by corrupt means?

The anti-QUAY rebellion is assuming a definite form. There is a gratifying probability that WANAMAKER, as a candidate for Governor, will be put in a position of antagonism to the boss that will admit of no compromise.

The situation is one that is full of promise to the Democrats and replete with the hope of better government for this long suffering old Commonwealth.

Fusion for the Rescue of the Republic.

The forces hostile to the gold trust are getting themselves in solid line for the coming and final conflict with that monetary monopoly. Last week a caucus at which every silver Republican and Populist in Congress, including Senators and Representatives, was present, took formal action on a silver fusion.

In this early movement for a united action of all the elements opposed to the monetary despotism of the gold standard the Republic will be rescued from the plutocratic oligarchy that has gained control of it.

In this crucial contest the kind of money we shall have is not so much the issue as the kind of government we shall leave to those who shall come after us.

Representative FLEMING, of Georgia, a member of the committee that has the bill in charge got out of patience with the speaker's tactics, and was about to openly assail him for his hostility to a measure designed to protect the government's interest when the great Czar dodged the attack by leaving the chair and sinking out of the House.

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A Pending Tariff War.

A tariff war between this country and Germany is a difficulty that we may soon have on our hands. The German authorities have for some time past made American pork products an object of adverse discrimination.

These measures adopted by the German government are producing excitement and causing indignation among the statesmen who have the management of affairs at Washington. Notice of these has been taken in Congress as a wrong which will force this government to resort to measures of retaliation.

But is not this position both unreasonable and preposterous? Are the Germans doing anything more than retaliating on the Americans for the high tariff by which they have excluded German products from their market?

It is the American tariff makers that have provoked retaliation, and it will be their fault if their policy shall result in a tariff war that will in a large measure exclude the farm products of the United States from foreign markets.

Swell-headed Journalism.

Nothing could be more amusing in the journalism of the day than the New York Journal's assuming to determine whether WM. J. BRYAN should continue to be entrusted with the leadership of the Democratic party.

The Journal, by the way, should be careful to avoid getting a swelled head. It is a very dangerous ailment for a political organ to be troubled with and is usually produced by too high an opinion of its importance.

Czar Reed Flanked.

The overbearing autocrat of the House at Washington showed the white feather the other day and took to his heels. He has never flinched in any despotic act needed to suppress resolutions favorable to Cuban freedom.

There is a bill before Congress designed to protect the interest of the government in the sale of the Kansas-Pacific railroad. It has been reported favorably, but it is opposed by a ring that wants to cheat the government out of its claim.

Frightened Into the Republican Party.

Senator THURSTON, who is a Republican of such prominence as to have presided over no less than two national conventions of that party, besides being one of its pillars in the Senate, addressed the union league of Baltimore last week and in the course of his remarks warned the Republicans of the danger of forcing gold resolutions through Congress.

This is the language employed by this Republican Senator in speaking of the more than six millions of citizens who are opposed to a limited class having most of the dollars, and are of so anarchistic a disposition as to object to being robbed by the monopolistic combinations that are controlling the products of the country and absorbing the profits of its industries.

Senator THURSTON'S explanation why all the money sharks and monopolies are in the Republican party, where he says they do not belong, is ingenious although it may not be entirely convincing.

In thus explaining why these "dangerous devil-fishes of the financial world," as Senator THURSTON calls the trusts and combines, are found with the Republicans he pays a poor compliment to the party in representing that such interests went to it for protection.

The Gist of the Wilkesbarre Trial.

The eyes of the whole country have been focussed for the past week on the trial in the Luzerne county court which is to determine whether the shooting of common workmen is to be counted as a crime.

The country is intensely interested in legal proceedings which will determine whether working people, who move along the highway, unarmed and devoid of turbulence, can be shot down without making those who did the shooting guilty of a crime which the law must recognize and punish.

The issue involved in this trial is of intense interest to the American people as it hinges upon the question whether the law is intended to shield the poor and humble, or whether its only purpose is to protect the persons and property of a higher class?

Martial Law for Alaska.

While the Populists, Anarchists, and the various odds and ends of other political and social organizations, are clamoring for larger liberty, the people of Alaska are asking for less.

THE CANDIDATE.

Oh, he's comin' round to see yer, fur its nearin' election time. An' he'll never see no doorbell, but three flights of stairs he'll climb; His face is bright and smilin' an' his glad hands open wide.

An' he'll think yer wife's yer daughter or a last year's bloomin' bride. He's a liar, an' he knows it, an' he knows you know it, too; But yer always glad to see him just before Election's Due.

He will jolly yer whole family an' he'll have 'em swellin' up; He'll give yer son a nickle an' admire his mangy pup; He'll wish that he was single so he could court the girls; Their eyes is allers handsome an' their teeth is mostly pearls.

He's a liar, an' he knows it, an' he knows you know it, too; But yer always glad to see him just before Election's Due. An' he'll tell you confidential that he knows he can depend On yer votin' for him this time as the workin' man's true friend; An' he'll promise you a city job with nothin' much to do.

An' he swears if he's elected that he'll stick to you like glue. He's a liar, an' he knows it, an' he knows you know it, too; But yer always glad to see him, just before Election's Due. Exchange.

The "Good Fellow" in Office.

A shortage more than \$8,000 in the accounts of the city treasurer of Reading has led to the removal of that officer, and although the shortage has been covered by his bondsmen, the exposure he caused a sensation.

The suspended city treasurer is described as one of the best-natured of men, without a particle of dishonesty in his nature. He is acquitted by all who know him of having profited by the defalcation in the smallest degree.

The Reading defalcation is only one of many illustrations of a truth that should long ago have become as plain as the noonday sun on a clear day to every thoughtful citizen, and that is that the good fellow, the hail fellow well met, the man that is everybody's friend, is almost certain to make the worst possible official.

The lesson will be forgotten in a week and the good fellow will continue to get elected to office indefinitely and continue as in the past to shock a confiding community by turning up short in his accounts when the final auditing takes place.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

Schuylkill county clergymen organized at Pottsville Monday and indorsed the Curfew law.

Alexander Humes was killed in a log slide near Driewood, Lycoming county, on Saturday.

Car inspector Charles Beltz, aged 60, was run over by the cars at Lansford and instantly killed.

The commissioners of Franklin county have fixed the tax rate at four mills, an increase of one mill.

The men of the congregation of the Salem Lutheran church, at Lebanon, have voted to allow women to vote.

John Reedy is in the Lebanon county jail for stealing a horse from liveryman Daniel Landermilch, of Lebanon.

Contracts have been closed for the erection of a furniture manufactory at Johnstown, by the Deffrein company.

John Bernis, of Mahanoy city, has been held in \$500 bail for beating Charles Robinsky about the head with a beer bottle.

William Lasch, engineer at Kreider's flour mill, at Annville, was fatally injured Monday while attempting to adjust a belt.

Alderman Donohue, of Wilkesbarre, fined stable boss Alexander Dunbar \$2 and cost because his daughter Lizzie did not attend school.

A Lewisburg lad, Harry Schock, while coasting on the University grounds, was dashed against a class stone, and died soon afterward.

Playing about a stove during the mother's absence, a 2-year-old son of Mrs. Harry Snyder, of Carlisle, was burned to death Monday.

A piece of beef lodged in the throat of Jonathan Hallenger, of Warwick township, Lancaster county, on Saturday, and choked him to death.

Annie Morrison, aged 17, was injured in a coasting accident at DuBois Monday, and an amputation of her foot was necessary to save her life.

A bull that William Kitzer was leading across the railroad near Carlisle Monday was killed by a train, and Kitzer narrowly escaped a like fate.

Charles Marshall intended to crawl out of the Lancaster jail Monday, but during the day the hole that he had dug through the wall was discovered.

St. John's English Lutheran church, of Wilkesbarre, has extended a call to Rev. W. L. Hinton, of the Eagle street Lutheran church, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The Pennsylvania oil company has secured options on 200 acres of land about 15 miles from Johnstown, and will drill a well in a search for oil and gas.

Rev. J. B. Keller was elected pastor of the English Lutheran church, Minersville, to succeed Rev. M. L. Tate, who has accepted a charge in Philadelphia.

Work on the Catawissa railroad bridge near Bloomsburg, has been suspended until April 1st, the superstructure having been destroyed in the recent storm.

Stephen Spellman was placed on trial at Du Bois Wednesday for the murder of Michael Baker on December 22nd, and will be defended on the plea of insanity.

On Friday last the little four-year-old son of S. W. Craig, of Huntingdon, fell from a stool—a distance of but eight inches—and broke one of its limbs in two places.

Rev. H. D. Newcomer, of York has been offered the pastorate of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, at Allentown, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Dr. C. E. Hay.

Verdella Frick, aged 22 years, a daughter of Ephraim Frick, a farmer, wandered from home during a fit of melancholia, and was found frozen to death in a public road near Reading on Friday.

Postmaster Griest, of Lancaster, has appointed as his assistant James H. Marshall, who has been connected with the post office during every Republican administration since the war.

While in the act of lighting a cigarette Monday Emma Dailey, aged 14, of Stroudsburg, set fire to her father's house and Wm. Goucher was painfully burned in extinguishing the blaze.

Elizabeth Flanders and Fannie Eagleborn, Indian girls, who tried to burn the girls' building at the Indian school at Carlisle pleaded guilty and were sentenced to one year and six months. They said they were homesick and wanted Captain Pratt to send them home.

John Lehman met with a painful accident at Marsh Run, Perry county. He was splitting wood with a double bitted ax, and while making a stroke it caught in a wire clothes line, which threw it back in his face, cutting a deep gash from the middle of his forehead down to near the end of his nose.

Last year it cost Tioga county \$5,709.65 to maintain its poor house with its average of 100 inmates. There was \$320.35 worth of produce sold, making the net cost of the institution for the year \$5,389.40 which is but a few cents over \$1 a week for the maintenance of each of the county's wards in the poor house.

Walter Goodwin, the Tioga county man who was convicted at Wellsboro of having murdered his wife, will be hung the last day of March. The governor on Monday announced the dates of four murderers as follows: Frederick C. Rockwell, Erie, April 26th; John R. Lamb, Allegheny, April 21st; Patrick Banya, Elk, April 28th; Walter E. Goodwin, March 31st.

Justice of the Peace Henry Berth, of Mahaffey, Clearfield county, is now considered a proper subject for a pension from the United States Government. Mr. Berth has just become the father of his twenty-first child. He is a character of considerable note in the community, having been married three times. The last time only a few years ago at the age of 70 years.

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