-Nature celebrated the first day of spring by putting on a new snow white

-March came is like a lamb and there seems to be little doubt that she intends going out like a lion.

-Spain is reported to have no coal. If such is the case how in the world can she make it hot for Uncle SAM.

-It has come to the worst at last. The sailors on the English battleship "Anson" are actually engaged in sewing petticoats for the women of Crete.

-The Altoona Tribune calls WANAMAK-ER "the people's candidate." From the reports of Saturday's convention in Lancaster county we infer that he is the candidate of some of the people only.

-Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's application for a divorce from her husband, Dr. SWAN M. BURNETT, goes to prove that even mammas of "Little Lord Fauntleroys" can make a mistake in selecting papas for such characters.

-Everybody is calling him "Uncle Amos MYLIN" now and if, in the vagaries of modern politics, he should be elected Governor how in the world will he find places for such a troop of nephews? They will insist on the relationship then.

-That Somerset county hen that is laying eggs with a big letter W on one side and the American flag on the other will soon be getting so patriotic that she will be cackling "America" to announce her her nest.

-They say that the English people are very ignorant as to the real magnitude of the United States. Much or little, they seem to know enough about it to invest all their surplus in our securities and we are gillies enough to pay them interest in a money that costs us twice as much as it ought to.

-In the little Dutch village of Diuxverloo they imprison people who hang their underclothes out to dry on wash day, that is if the drying lines are in public view. How modest and chaste they must be in Diuxverloo. Here in America we pay all sorts of fancy prices to sit in the front row at the theatre and often times all we see is just about what these simple Dutch folk imprison people for exposing.

-The most notable feature in the Sun-"Secretary Long went to bed at 9 o'clock." It is a great wonder that such a remarkable occurrence didn't precipitate war at once. long before the present leader of the anti- ket, and keep on the high plane of patriot-The idea of Secretary Long going to bed is QUAY faction turned his guns on the old

-As positive proof that the Spanish don't know anything about us let us present the advices from Madrid to the effect that they have fitted out ninety cruisers for preying on American merchantmen. Spain doesn't need cruisers to find the merchant vessels of the United States, what she needs are detectives and magnifying glasses.

-Our friend Tom Cooper is having more than his share of trouble just now. Putting in sleepless nights worrying over how he might purge his party of political impurities and be Governor of Pennsylvania was bad enough, but to add to his troubles judge McPHERSON wants a receiver appointed for the Guarantor's trust It is good he is so hopeful.

-The Harrisburg News says that "HAST-INGS may deliver Centre county and Mc-CORMICK may try to do the same with Lycoming, but it will take far more than that to nominate and elect Holy John. Governor of this State." We observe the permission the News gives DANIEL in the use of "may," but Mr. QUAY will have the delegates from Centre, the Governor's wishes to the contrary notwithstanding.

-No sooner had the Tyrone people heard of Col. PRUNER's determination to build a memorial hospital in Bellefonte than they began to throw all manner of bouquets at him and to try to make him believe that they love him-even unto death. The Colonel has lived too long to be gulled with such flap-doodle and fully understands that the "proof of the puddin' is the eatin' thereof." When they wouldn't elect him to council from a Republican ward, especially when he owns thousands of dollars worth of property in that town, he would indeed be obtuse not to see through this precipitate scramble of Tyrone people the Philadelphia public buildings have their salaries, and the prostitution of the to fall on his neck now and call him beloved.

-According to the latest announcement from Clearfield county the Republi- old capitol. Almost any turpitude may cans over there are not going to ask for be associated with the corruption that pereither the congressional or senatorial nomination in this district. They do not feel kindly to Col. REEDER, of Centre, however, nor does Cook, of Forest, suit them. for the state capitol building commission withstanding the strong WANAMAKER sentiment that is developing in Clearfield. future. When boys who are now going to If the proper man can't be found in Centre county to take the senatorial nomination McQuown will go after it again, quarter of a century hence money will conrather than see another than a QUAY man | tinue to be expended upon the uncompleted get it. If they are so anxious for Centre to | building. have it and want a man who would be an excellent subject for QUAY's hypnotic sug- sylvania tax payers in regard to the state necessary for the success of the monopoly, gestions why not take AL DALE. That capitol job. They will most assuredly they being too strong to be crushed by would take him out of the post office race have this experience if the corrupt agencies and leave the way clear for our friend, the which for years past have controlled the ors of this monopolistic enterprise hope to editor of the Gazette, the ORIGINAL QUAY government of this State are not deprived be able to overcome this opposition by the

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Wanamaker's Arraignment of Quay.

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The fight against the QUAY predominance in state politics has been vigorously commenced, with WANAMAKER as the leader of the faction that has arrayed itself against the boss. Having announced his consent to assume the leadership of this anti-QUAY insurrection, the Philadelphia dry-goods politician and bargain-counter statesman has opened the fight with some rattling speeches from the stump, in which he shows up the political delinquencies and official corruptions of the gang who run the QUAY machine.

An intelligent public recognizes the truth of the charges which WANAMAKER is hurling against the rascals who are mismanaging the state government and corrupting it in all its departments, but it is not necessary that this information should come from that source, as the people were well aware of the corrupt character of these machine politicians long before "honest JOHN" set about exposing them in public speeches. They knew all this before he had separated from the gang for factional reasons. They knew it while he still conhaving deposited her daily war bulletin in tinued to maintain his association with the vicious agencies which he now denounces. In his Lancaster county speeches last

indictment against the QUAY machine, recounting its various political iniquities and official malfeasances. He charged it with corrupting the elections and "so manipulating the primaries and conventions as to defeat instead of registering the will of the voters." He arraigned it for having "farmed out millions of dollars to favorite banks ;" for having created a state capitol commission that is "planning a capitol that will cost millions in excess of the authorized limit." He included among its corruptions such venalities as indemnity bonds for the payment of unlawful salaries, padded pay rolls, dishonest charges for sham Lexow investigations, legislative junketings and mileage grabbing. These and other charges which day war news was the announcement that WANAMAKER pours like hot shot into the QUAY camp are true in every particular; but Democrats have made the same charges ridiculous. He is not supposed to go to boss. QUAY is not a bit more corrupt as a selves, continuing steadfast to the end, he bed and it behooves Spain to file a protest political leader, at this time, nor are his will avoid the odium which a yielding methods a bit more dangerous to public interests, or more corrupting to political morals, than when, as the manager of the HARRISON campaign, he received from JOHN WANAMAKER the \$400,000 fund

> When WANAMAKER is carrying on his crusade against QUAY's vicious domination it is well enough to bear in mind his former connection with QUAY's boodle methods.

which no one could use with greater ef-

The Way Clear for the Capitol Job.

The state capitol building commission. after more than a year's manœuvering, has succeeded in removing the obstacles that stood in the way of the extravagant job company of Philadelphia. Poor Cooper! which it is proposed to make out of the new capital construction. The state supreme court having declined to sustain the injunction against the scheme of the commission, the work will now proceed on the plan that is intended to admit of indefinite and unlimited extension, and expenditure.

> The people of the State may expect a repetition of the performance of the Philadelphia public building commission which has succeeded in extending a profitable source of plunder through a period of twenty-six years, and at a cost of more than twenty millions of dollars, with no immediate prospect of its termination. When the conflagration of the old capitol removed that venerable structure, the example of the Philadelphia city hall job was sufficient to suggest to the Republican ringsters the profits that could be made out of the new capitol. Every movement since that old building was burnt appears to have been intended to put things in shape for an unlimited and protracted expenditure of monlong and expensive in its construction as

was the motive for the conflagration of the

vades our state government. By the failure of the injunction against its proceedings the ground is now cleared They want an out and out QUAY man not- to imitate its Philadelphia prototype and carry on the job into the dim and distant school shall be bearded tax payers the work on the capitol will still be going on, and a

> This is the prospect ahead for the Pennof their power.

Stock Jobbing Patriotism.

The people will be well pleased if it shall turn out that "the great financial interests," which proposed to step in and trade off the honor of the country for the maintenance of "values" in the stock market, will fail in accomplishing their dastardly object. There has been a disposition on the part of this administration, in the pending Spanish difficulty, to yield to this stock jobbing influence that would have disgraced the country in order to avoid a conflict which might interfere with Wall street interests though required for national vindication. This base influence however, appears to be losing its hold on the administration, which has been admonished by the patriotic spirit of the

There is something really nauseous to patriotic citizens in the movement of a syndicate of bankers, headed by former vice President LEVI P. MORTON, who went to Washington with the object of patching up the trouble with Spain in a way that would be more for the interest of the banking fraternity and the stock jobbers than for the honor of this nation. Too much of a disposition to arrange a settlement on a cash basis has been inspired by the stock week WANAMAKER drew a heavy bill of ticker, a disposition that would set aside the impulses of patriotism and yield to the sordid sentiment that peace at any price is better than war.

The backing which the people are willing to give the President may finally brace him up against the base stock jobbing influence that has been operating for the dishonor of the country ever since our war ship was blown up and our sailors murdered in the harbor of Hayana. While the operators in the stock market want to fix up this great national wrong and outrage, proposing to "adjust it on business principles" that would involve a cash payment, the people will not be satisfied with anything short of a full reparation for the Maine outrage and such a settlement of our trouble with Spain as will ensure the freedom of Cuba.

If the President shall continue to resist the unpatriotic influence of the stock marism where the people have placed thempolicy will bring upon his administration. For the sake of American honor we hope and trust that he will be firm.

The York County Example. The Democratic committee of York coun-

fect in corrupting a presidential election. ty has set the example which should be followed by the Democrats of the State in fixing the issues upon which the party should act in this year's campaign. This example does not encourage the policy of bringing national issues to the front in a state contest, but sets them aside as irrelevant to the interests actually involved.

The action of the York county committee will commend itself to the common sense of Democrats who are unable to see how a national issue like that of the currency can have any relation to the question of removing the abuses that have grown up in our state government, but can easily comprehend the embarrassment to which this legitimate object of a state contest would be subjected by mixing it with so extraneous an issue as the money question. To them nothing could appear to be greater folly than that Democrats who agree in their desire to relieve the State from bad government should be prevented from operating together for that purpose by their disagreement in regard to the money standard.

A common ground upon which the Dem. ocrats of the State can stand in the coming state campaign is furnished by the York county resolutions which declare that State interests constitute the only legitimate issues in the election of a Governor and Legislature, enumerating as subjects for correction the abuses in our ballot system, the corrupt management of the state treasury, the waste of public funds by extravagant ev on a structure that is designed to be as legislation, the tendency to increase the number of public officers and to enlarge been. There may be no injustice in be- executive and legislative functions to the lieving that the design to secure such a job service of corporations and capitalistic in-

These are the evils that have been ruinously developed in our state government, and if they are to be extirpated all other issues must be laid aside except those that directly relate to such a corrupt state of affairs.

The Source of a Great Evil.

One of the most powerful monopolies that is now being projected is the wire and nail trust, with a capital of \$50,000,000. This scheme that has been nearly completed meets with an obstacle in several of the heaviest nail and wire firms declining to go into the combine. Their co-operation is the usual trust methods; but the projectfirst of April, when they count upon hav-

ing the nail and wire product of this country completely under their control.

It is indeed a remarkable feature of existing business conditions that a project for the unlawful restraint of trade can be deliberately planned and put in operation in defiance of the fact that it is contrary to law, that it conflicts with public policy, and that public sentiment is opposed to it.

The cause of this is to be found in the other fact that political policies have produced conditions which encourage the formation of such monopolies and give them protection. When tariff laws are passed which enable such combinations to control the market and restrict the natural course of trade it is not to be expected that they will refrain from taking advantage of their opportunity. Nothing could be more futile than legislation which declares trusts to be unlawful when this whole system of monopoly finds its support in the fiscal regulations of the general government. There will be trusts and such like monopolistic combinations as long as high tariff duties place consumers at the mercy of producers who are thus assisted in carrying out thei conspiracies for the restraint of trade and for the practice of extortion upon the general community.

Neglected Coast Defences.

When Secretary Endicott was at the nead of the military department in President CLEVELAND's first term, a military board under his direction arranged and submitted a plan for a complete system of coast defence. Notwithstanding the length of time that has passed since then these defences are so far from being completed that of the 1818 guns needed for the perfecting of this system not a sixth of them has been put in place, and the fortifications as designed by the ENDICOTT board are in an incomplete condition.

This situation has encouraged the Spaniards. The organ of the Spanish army published in Madrid, upon authority which it claims to be authentic, says that but one hundred of the large guns intended for the defence of our coast have been mounted, and by such a statement it encourages the Spaniards with the idea that our sea-coast is open to Spanish attack. The situation is not as bad as that, and the Dons would such information, but there is no denying that there has been great remissness in regard to the coast defences, money for that purpose having been withheld while Republican Congresses have been wasting the

public advantage. As a consequence of such dereliction it is seen that when we get into trouble with even so weak a nation as Spain our seacoast cities do not feel secure, and hurried efforts are being made to complete the defences which were planned by the ENDI-COTT board, but for the completion of which there was a failure to appropriate sufficient means. In emergencies like the present a country most seriously feels the effects of bad government.

Sympathetic Values.

Accounts from India represent the com ing wheat crop in that region as unusually large. Last year the failure was so com plete that there was no exportation of wheat and scarcely enough to keep the natives from starving. This year millions of tons will be exported.

This fact will have a decided bearing upon the agricultural interest of this country during the coming year. The recent great demand for American wheat in the European markets, running the price up to a dollar a bushel, and greatly improving the financial condition of our western farmers, was due to the deficiency in India and the failure of the crop in Russia and other wheat producing countries. A repetition of conditions so favorable to the American farmers is not to be expected this year when India will have a large amount of wheat for export and the crop in Russia is represented to be very promising.

Under such circumstances it would be unreasonable to look for a maintenance of the high price of wheat that prevailed during the past season, particularly if the

American harvest should be abundant. The recent advance in the price of that cereal gave the gold standard advocates an opportunity to deride the assertion of the silver supporters that the price of farm products sympathized with the price of silver, and that the value of the white metal could not be lowered without correspondingly depressing the market price of agricultural productions. The sudden and accidental rise in the price of wheat, while there was no appreciation in the value of silver, was taken by the gold-ites as a refutation of the sympathetic value of silver and wheat, but they may find before this year is out that the two are again on the same level in depreciated value.

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Four Years as a Congressional Term A movement has been started in Congress to extend the congressional term, and for the accomplishment of this object a bill is being prepared that proposes to make the term of members of the House four years instead of two. No good reason can be advanced for such a change. The interest that would be promoted by curtailing the opportunity of the people to change their

representatives is not a popular interest. This movement is suggested by motives that do not spring from a popular source. The object aimed at is not intended for the good of the people. There are interests springing up in this country and claiming governmental consideration and promotion injured. that will be better served by allowing the people to exercise their right of election as seldom as possible, and it is from that source that the movement for doubling the town in the region. length of the congressional term evidently

The control which a constituency should exert over its representatives would be impaired by this change. Popular influence over the lawmaking power is maintained in greater vigor when there is not too long an interval between the elections at which the people may approve of or condemn the conduct of their representatives. It may suit the "great financial interests," and may be advantageous to the moneyed class, to have prolonged congressional terms that would afford less chance for the people to change their representatives and alter the course of unpopular legislation, but the people's interest will be best served by the constitutional right to pass judgment on their representatives in Congress every two makes electricity.

Moreover, if the term of the members of the House is to be extended to four years would it not furnish a reason for doubling the term of United States Senators, and as the Senate is assuming the character of a house of lords, might not the next step be life terms for the members of that body with titles of nobility? Imagine MARK HANNA a life member of the Senate as a Buckeye duke.

An Alliance With England

It is the opinion of DAVITT, the Irish leader, that the desire of the English to enter into an alliance with the United States, about which much is being said in element of selfishness. The friendly sentipublic funds on all kinds of extravagant lieves, to produce reciprocal feeling of good schemes, and in profligate expenditure of | will on the part of the Americans towards money that should have been used for the the English nation which is threatened with trouble in the far east.

It is entirely probable that the American republic is not more loved by the average class of Englishmen at this time than it ever was, but the disliked yankees would be tolerated if they should consent to become the allies of John Bull, who has excited the enmity of most of the nations of ness. Europe, and would appreciate the assistance which the United States would be able to render him.

But after all, selfishness is the basis of friendship between nations, and while England would seek our good will chiefly for her own advantage, the fact that she takes about three-fourths of our agricultural exports, and is by all odds our best customer in Europe, would incline us to stand by her in preference to any other European nation.

If such a thing should happen as that the combined enemies of England should attempt to cut off her food supply by gaining a naval superiority, the United States would most seriously object to have her trade interrupted with a nation that takes annually many hundred million dollars worth of her food products. Under such circumstances Uncle Sam might be willing to help John Bull fight his enemies who should attempt to starve him out.

Scarcity of Seamen.

Great efforts are being made by the naval authorities to secure experienced sailors to man the ships of the navy which may soon be called into active service against a foreign enemy; but the number that are being secured is remarkably small.

This is one of the greatest embarrass ments experienced by the government in this emergency. Money can supply the deficiency of ships by purchase from other nations, but as the United States under protective tariffs and navigation laws that blight the merchant marine, has ceased to be a maritime nation, there is the greatest difficulty in getting enough American seamen to maintain the honor of the nation on

At this juncture we are suffering many of the evil consequences of bad government. not the least of which is the blight of the ocean commerce which has deprived the country of that splendid race of seamen of which it was so proud in the old days of Democratic tariffs and liberal navigation

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Spawls from the Keystone.

-Four inches of snow fell at Hazleton on

-Anson Behney, of West Lebanon, started on Sunday night on a trip awheel to the Pa-

-A horse and carriage belonging to Howard A. Freigh, of Shenkel, Chester county, was stolen Sunday night

-Mrs. Edward Labengood, aged 65, of Panther valley, near Cressona, committed suicide Sunday night by hanging.

-Michael Tocki, an employe of the tannery at Lewisburg, died of anthrax Saturday night. He was ill only a few days.

-Richard Hayes, with stolen articles in his possession, was arrested at Lancaster charged with a number of robberies. -Frank Arndt went to sleep on a trolley

track at Annville Monday night and narrowly escaped being cut in twain by a car. -Lightning struck the house of Philip

Meyer, at East Keating, Lycoming county, Sunday night, and stunned the inmates. -Mike Corolla and Mike Tirritta, of Ma-

hanoy City, were sent to the Pottsville jail, charged with passing counterfieit money. -A 2-year-old child of John Wilson, of Fairfield township, Lycoming county. fell into a vessel of boiling water and was fatally

-Howard Reimard and Charles E. Whitenight fell 30 feet from a building, at Bloomsburg, Monday, and the latter was painfully

-The united mine workers in the Hazleton region are pushing the work of the organization, and meetings will be held in every

-Clare Catlin, aged 10, was instantly killed at Bridgewater, Susquehanna county. by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of a younger brother.

-Wilton M. Lindsay, of Warren, was appointed president judge of the Thirty-seventh judicial district, composed of Warren and Forest counties, vice Charles H. Noyes,

-There will be no sheriff sales this quarter in Franklin county. It is beyond the recollection of any of the court house officials when such a thing occurred and speaks well of the progress of the county.

-The town of Canton, Pa., was suddenly plunged into darkness Saturday night by the cutting off of the electric current, and Monday an eel measuring nearly four feet was found in the pipe which feeds the water motor that

-George Vosburg, aged 4 years, died a few days ago at Driftwood from laurel poisoning. The child and his brother and sister were out in the woods gathering tea berries, among which it is supposed he gathered laurel leaves, which he ate. That night he became very ill, and suffered intensely until he ex-

-A marriage license was granted at Williamsport this week whose combined ages are 102 years The man was 61 and the woman 41. Both have been married before He is the oldest prospective bridegroom to take out a license this year, and she is the oldest prospective bride. The youngest bridegroom was 19, and in two cases the bride was 16.

-Peter Herdic, who, with other W liamsporters, went to the Alaska gold fields some time ago, has been heard from. The England at this time, involves a large party is located along Minook creek. Their claims have paid from forty cents to \$130 to ments expressed for this country, as against the pan. Nuggets were taken out worth Spain, is intended, as the Irish leader be- from \$5 to \$100. They anticipate handsome clean-ups and good shipments of dust on the boats coming out in the spring.

-Christian Gaffey, a DuBois boy, died last Thursday night from excessive cigarette smoking. The youth was taken sick only about twenty-four hours before he died. When a doctor was called the boy was in a collapsed and unconscious condition, and past restoration. Cigarette smoking is one of the most dangerous habits to which human kind is addicted, to say nothing of its obnoxious-

-George Lebo, whose critical illness was noted a few days ago, died Saturday at his home, near Haneyville. George was the demented son of Isaac Lebo, and his name was frequently mentioned during the Edna Crider murder trial. The father and brother of the diseased are now serving terms in the Williamsport jail. Deceased was about 22 years old. His funeral took place at Haney-

-Charlie Cresswell, aged 10 years, of Montoursville, while playing with several companions stepped on a pier of a bridge that spanned Loyalsock creek. While watching the logs, Charlie became dizzy and tumbled into the stream. He floated down with the current and over a dam, where he was rescued by men who went into the stream for him. He was nearly exhausted when

-Jersey Shore's council has adopted a resolution authorizing the borough constables to arrest every tramp or suspicious looking character seen within the borough limits. The vagabonds will then be taken before justice Potter and a fine imposed. If the amount is not promptly forthcoming they will be turned over to the street commissioner who will place a ball and chain on them and put them to work in the stone quarry. The balls and chains were ordered yesterday morning.

-Dimeling & Co's. mill, at Viaduct, is probably the busiest place in Clearfield county at present. The mill crew has for some time been working 121 hours per day, or the equivalent of 11 days every 24 hours, but Monday two crews were put to work and the mill will be run day and night during the summer. An electric light plant has been put in, and the mill and yard will be lighted by electricity. More than one hundred men are employed by this company on the mill and in the woods.

-The fishermen of Osceola have organized a club to protect the trout streams in that section from unprincipled parties who fish out of season and in other respects violate the law. Three men have been hired to guard the streams, and are out every reasonable fair day looking up offenders. A few days ago one of the guards was secreted in the bushes, and a fellow came along and was in the act of cutting a pole to do some fishing when he unexpectedly happened to see the guard. He naturally concluded to postpone the fishing business.