

—This is the season that Mr. I. TOLDYOUSO knows the most about it.

—One thing is certain and that is that farmer CREASY still has his farm to fall back on.

—Mr. BRYAN'S foot-prints are as unmistakable in Kentucky as they are in Nebraska.

—As an endorsement of the McKINLEY administration it wasn't so overwhelming after all.

—Evidently the voters of the county knew JAKE HERMAN better than preacher RHOADES did.

—The election is over and the less you have to do with post mortems the happier you will be.

—Since the JEFFRIES-SHARKEY event, Friday of last week might appropriately be designated POUNDERS day.

—As a whole the result in the State is a very fair endorsement of the rice-dyke record of an epauletted coward.

—SHARKEY is not the only man who is now experiencing what it is to have the event over and the result against him.

—While General WHITE may be in command at Ladysmith every thing else looks rather black for the British in that neighborhood.

—There is no particular reason why other women should be jealous because of the general attention Ladysmith is now attracting.

—The fellow who got "left" on Tuesday can comfort himself with the thought that he is not the only one who didn't get what he was after.

—FISHER'S salary may not be as large hereafter but his knowledge of the opinion of the people as to his fitness for commissioner will be much more extensive.

—The campaign in Centre county this fall was the cleanest ever known to have occurred when so many important county offices were at stake.

—There are a multitude of men to-day scattered over the country who know much more how it feels to get licked than they did this time last week.

—The manner in which SPEER and BRUNGAERT carried Bellefonte is conclusive evidence that the people of the town are ready to honor a favorite citizen and give their mark of approval to a clean campaigner.

—The President went home to vote, which was the right thing for him to do, but judging from the returns from the other States in which elections were held there are some people who think he is not doing the right thing in other matters.

—The arrest of JOHN X. RAY, on suspicion of being a repeater over in New York on Tuesday, turned out to be a case of mistaken identity. Now if they had "pinched" Mr. X. RAY for taking a peep into the ballot box there might have been more ground upon which to establish a charge.

—When the people of Pennsylvania throw away a chance to help themselves, such as they had on Tuesday, all hope that there is anything good left among the masses is blighted. Pennsylvania wants rotten rule and treasury plundering because it has voted to continue it.

—It is expected that the last big battle of the Philippine campaign is now on and when it is over AGUIALDO will be beaten off his last legs. That is, it is expected. We have been expecting a great many catastrophes to befall AGIE since we got acquainted with him, but he has a surprising faculty of averting them.

—Our other boys in the Philippines, when they hear the returns from Pennsylvania, will understand that skulking behind a rice-dyke is just as honorable in the estimation of the voters as is the bravest work at the front when a fight is on. At least, that was the voice that spoke loudest at the polls on Tuesday.

—The Prince of Wales has just celebrated his fifty-eighth birthday and he hasn't had a chance to sit at the head of the English family yet. Though he has clearly outgrown the high chair it is beginning to look as if dear old Vic will hold on 'til ALBERT EDWARD is too near finished to make the right royal potentate he might have been, had he been given an earlier chance.

—It is said that when KRUGER first went to South Africa he was a man of such redoubtable courage that he fought and killed lions with nothing more than an ordinary hunting knife. This might all be true, but the old man has his hand on the wrong lion this time. The British lion and the South African lion are entirely different birds and OOM PAUL will understand the zoological difference in a very short time.

—The efforts of the Republicans to make it appear that the results in Kentucky, Nebraska, Ohio and Maryland were not rebukes to the administration are something wonderful to look upon. Before the election they heralded the anticipated vote as an endorsement of McKINLEY and his Philippine policy, but now that things are not as they anticipated it is amusing to see how they are trying to get out from under the load that they had built up to topple over on themselves.

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THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF IMPERIALISM. Republican Losses Everywhere.

Democrats Increase their Majority in Nebraska, Win Maryland and Reduce the Republican Strength in Nearly all the Republican States.

PENNSYLVANIA, that gave a majority of 300,000 for McKINLEY, now gives a majority in support of his policy of less than 100,000.

OHIO, that furnished a Republican majority of 66,000 for its President, now shows less than 45,000 majority as an endorsement of his administration.

MARYLAND, that gave 32,000 majority for McKINLEY, repudiates both him and his Imperialism, and gives 15,000 majority for the Democratic candidate for Governor.

NEBRASKA re-asserts her opposition to Republicanism and increases her Democratic majority from 13,000 to 18,000.

IOWA shows its opposition to the policy of the present administration by reducing its Republican majority from 65,000, in 1896, to less than 45,000.

KENTUCKY, that was torn by contending factions, debauched by Republican patronage and coerced by military interference, elects a Democratic Governor.

(For full and latest returns see page 4.)

A Black Eye For McKinleyism.

When the supporters of the present administration come to remember that their entire efforts in the campaign just closed were made to secure an overwhelming endorsement for President McKINLEY, they will have no reason to feel proud of the result. After contending for months that the only question involved was the approval of the policy of the administration at Washington it will not do for them now to presume to say that the great falling off in the Republican vote in this State is due to either the record that the ring had made, or to the unenviable reputation of their "cold footed" candidate. For neither of these were taken into account. On every hand among Republicans, it was "we must stand up for the administration." They knew they had weak candidates and that their party within the State had a rotten record. They believe that McKINLEYISM, which henceforth must be synonymous with trusts, expansion, imperialism, and a large standing army, was popular and in behalf of these they appealed to the people. Against the protest of Democrats and against the desire of the better class of Republicans they thrust McKINLEY, his policies, purposes and policy into the campaign, and they now behold the result. A

State that gave him almost 300,000 majority, three years ago, now rolls up less than half that amount in approval of his policy. A State that furnished 729,300 votes to make him President, now is able to coax, drive or buy less than 500,000 to vote to endorse his acts and to demand his re-nomination.

A clean out loss of over 200,000 votes in this one State alone! Surely if ever an administration received a black eye, that of President McKINLEY has in the recent election in Pennsylvania.

Proving Their Own Treachery While Trying to Incriminate Others.

In its attempt to keep an eye on the various counties of the State the Philadelphia Press ought not to be taken as infallible when it has so much on its hands. But it is not more than reasonable to assume that it ought to know more of the situation in Centre county than it displayed in its issue of the 6th. After accusing the QUAY element of treachery to the regular Republican county ticket it concluded with the rather ridiculous proposition that "Centre has indicated a strong tendency to become a settled Republican county recently." And then proceeds to clinch the assertion by stating that HASTINGS carried the county by 800 when a candidate for Governor,

McKINLEY followed, two years later, with a majority of 400; while it turned around and gave 800 against STONE last fall.

The Press figures fairly well but its political logic is away off, if it hopes to prove the treachery of the QUAY people by any such deductions as these. If HASTINGS carried the county by 800 he must have had the undivided support of his party in addition to the large number of complimentary Democratic votes he is known to have received. McKINLEY not only got his full party vote, but he got the bulk of the gold Democrats in Centre and profited by the Democratic stay-at-homes. Last fall, when Governor STONE was before the people as an avowed QUAY candidate, he lost Centre county by 776, notwithstanding the Democratic vote was more than two hundred short of what it was in 1896 when McKINLEY carried the county by over four hundred.

If this would show anything it would prove beyond cavil that the QUAY people swallowed their bitter doses and voted for the party ticket when it came to election day. But when the QUAY candidate was up, however, it was quite a different matter. The HASTINGS element fought him to a finish, as the result shows, and how the Press hoped to prove the treachery of the QUAY side by emphasizing the treachery of its own adherents we are totally unable to understand.

In Line with our Present Policy.

From the Boston Advertiser.

If the "rebellion" in the Philippines is ever subdued, it will be necessary to find some new duty, some novel work, for the proposed standing army of 100,000 men. Our relations with Spain are now cordial, and Spain once had a title to Mexico. The inference is almost self-evident. Why should not the United States buy that title and proceed promptly and vigorously to annex Mexico? This suggestion will certainly be hailed with delight by every true believer in the doctrine of inscrutable fate and the jingo policy.

Spain is very much in need of money, and would probably sell her title to Mexico for much less than she was forced to accept for her similar title to the Philippine islands. Even if, for any reason whatever, Spain should be squeamish in this matter, it would be easy enough to find a pretext for the conquest of Mexico. It will be remembered that the American flag was once raised in Mexico, and certainly wherever the flag has been raised it must remain forever. Still further, there have been some border riots within the past two weeks, and two Americans have been captured and taken to Mexican prisons.

As matters stand, therefore, there is every possible jingo justification for another war. It would not be convenient just at this moment to begin hostilities, because Aguinaldo and his little army in Luzon have first to be captured and shot or burnt over live coals. That task will take some time, because General Otis will not listen to any proposals from the insurgents for peace, and has even refused to admit within his lines the envoys who come to beg for peace. The Filipino campaign must be fought out to the bitter end, no matter how much time, or money, or life it takes.

Some time next year, however, the Mexican campaign can be begun. Of course it is not necessary to point out the great possibilities of trade that lie to the south of the Rio Grande. Mexico has rich mines, great tree plantations, fertile stretches of mesa land where cattle by the thousands can be raised for the beef trust. Really it is strange that the proposition has not been made public before. It is to be hoped the Mexicans will submit peacefully to their fate; but if not, they know what to expect.

How, and Which of Us are Prosperous?

From an Unknown Exchange.

Truly we are prosperous. That is, some of us are. The others do not count. They are calamity howlers, anarchists. We have got an enormous quantity of foreign territory, even at the ends of the earth; like-wise several millions of cheap labor which we did not have to import. And, "By the Eternal," quoth Mr. McKINLEY to the flag-raisers at Washington when Congress was not in session to approve, "we will never give them up." This prosperity we certainly have because we have paid for it, and we shall be paying for it during the next fifty years. We also paid the expenses of a learned commission to the peace Congress of The Hague, and while they were astonished at the earth with the wisdom of their plans for preventing war and stopping bloodshed other of our commissioners were shooting down Filipinos and refusing them arbitration, lest they should ask for liberty.

Again we are prosperous—suffocated with it. Listen: "Owing to the increase of wages, the price of tin plate has advanced." "In consequence of the advance in tin plate, the price of labels has risen." "Because labels have risen in price canned goods have gone up a few points." "The sudden rise in the price of canned goods has sent the price of meat up 2 or 3 cents a pound." "The lift in meats has dragged up the price of sugar, coal oil, cotton goods, leather, boots and shoes, milk and flour, and coal is now a cent a bucket more than before." Bread remains at the same price, but to offset the rise in wages 15 per cent of cheap cornmeal is added. It is just as nourishing to the bread eaters, besides being more profitable to the miller.

The fact is we are awfully prosperous. Wall street openly claims to have made \$30,000,000 out of the prosperously drunk people who harrahd for more of it at the Dewey celebration. The Chinese pagans cleared \$100,000 out of the great pagon so proudly dragged through the streets of Chicago at the autumn festival, and nobody knows just how much the faro banks realized.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—A lot of new coke ovens are being constructed at Vintondale. The Vintondale company owns 13,000 acres of coal land, and if the coal proves of coking quantity it is said 1,000 ovens will be built.

—Aaron Embick, of Sugar Valley, Clinton county, has won renown this fall as a hunter and trapper of bears, having so far slain six. The last one of the six was killed Saturday. One that he had killed last week weighed over 300 pounds.

—Oil City has made some financial profit by keeping the Sabbath day holy. Since April 1st, the authorities have received \$300 from fines imposed on fruit dealers and soda water sellers, who persist in opening their stores on Sunday.

—Out of a flock of 180 sheep, says the Lansburg correspondent of the New Bloomfield Advocate and Press, owned by Kennedy & Corl, of that place, twenty-seven were killed and eight crippled by worthless dogs one night recently.

—White Nixon, former editor and owner of the Houtzdale Observer, who sold his paper about eight months ago and went to Mexico to seek the fortune that is but rarely found in the printer's stick, is about to return home on account of his failing health.

—Henry Smith and wife, of Orangeville, Lancashire county, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday by giving a big family dinner, at which were present their seven children, eleven grand children, and one great grand-child. Mr. Smith is 74 years of age and his wife 79.

—With five sticks of dynamite in his boots Benjamin Mistoo, a miner, near Shamokin, on Saturday to work. He was alone in No. 5 slope, when by the explosion of the stuff he was blown to atoms. It is believed that he fired one of the sticks in a blast and the concussion set off the others in his boots.

—The Misses Rider, daughters of a farmer residing on Short mountain, in Blair county, have just made the record of husking 1,300 bushels of corn in eight and one-half days. Of course the young ladies were precluded from piano playing while pulling the whiskers and exposing the corn that had already been shocked.

—Besides a stranger who was found by a brakeman lying asleep between the tracks in the Pennsylvania railroad yard at Williamsport, was found a satchel full of money, mostly in bills. When aroused the fellow appeared ill at ease, seized the satchel and hurried away to the station just in time to board a train for the north.

—A paper is being circulated in Clarion asking the citizens to subscribe for stock in the Allegheny Valley railway, under an agreement that if \$75,000 is secured an extension of the road to Clarion will be built. The petition is in the hands of the board of trade and the prospects are good for securing the sum of money needed.

—While the two children of James Piper were hunting for a ramrod in the cupboard in the second story of their house in Upper Horse Valley, in Perry county, a lighted lamp they carried was accidentally overturned. The building was set on fire and completely destroyed. The household goods were saved after much difficulty.

—In an attempt to steal articles from a show window through a broken glass Daniel M. Peer, the 14-year-old son of James Peer, of Johnstown, at 5 o'clock Friday morning was shot near the heart by J. M. Bucher, a grocer, whose place of business is about 150 feet from the Peer home in that city. The boy ran home and died in half an hour.

—John Bower, the 12-year-old son of Edward Bower, breaker boss at Midvalley and mail carrier between that village and Mt. Carmel died on Monday from fright. Several days ago he was driving the mail wagon when one of the horses stumbled. The boy almost fainted from fear. When he reached home he collapsed and steadily grew weaker.

—The revenue collections in the Twelfth district of the State for October, amounted to \$138,727.52, a gain of almost \$10,000 over the same month last year. Almost all of this increase was made on the sale of beer stamps. The collections during the month were \$94,815.91 for such stamps. From cigar and cigarette stamps \$9,719.17 was realized and from tobacco, \$11,916.57.

—During the term of court closed at Wells-boro fourteen divorce suits were instituted, breaking the record in Tioga county. Some of these divorces are due to hasty marriages entered into by eloping couples, who in half an hour can get across into New York State, where no license is required. Another feature of the local divorce mill is that many of the petitioners came from New York State, where the divorce laws are more stringent than those of Pennsylvania.

—The work of surveying about 10,000 acres of coal land recently purchased by J. Mitchell in West Taylor, East Taylor and Jackson townships, Cambria county, was begun last week. Mr. Mitchell bought his coal for about \$10 per acre, and it is said that he has already been offered \$20 per acre for it. It adjoins the Baker holdings on the north, reaching almost to the Nanty-glo. The Cambria Steel company has option on about 20,000 acres adjoining this coal.

—While building new abutments for the bridge on the Pennsylvania railroad, just below Hanxhurst's a stream pump was placed in service to clean out a ten foot hole. After running the pumps for about five minutes it became clogged, and on examination proved to be full of fish and minnows. During the day thousands of minnows were pumped out and fish, mostly suckers and catfish, ranging from six to eighteen inches in size, were plenty enough to supply all the workmen and anybody else who cared to take them.

—The large farm house on the farm of Mrs. Mary O'Neill, relict of Peter O'Neill, in Munster township, Cambria county, and occupied by the family of her son-in-law—Mr. James Buck—was burnt to the ground about noon on Friday. The fire, which is supposed to have caught on the roof by a spark from the flue, had gained such headway that the roof was about falling in when it was discovered by the family, and the house was in such a location that it could not be seen by the neighbors; nevertheless the family succeeded in saving most of the furniture.