

Ink Stings.

—They say it is calm in Kentucky; probably the calm before the storm.

—TAYLOR is finding that it is quite as hard to lay down the reins of government in Kentucky as it was to take them up.

—The work of the assassin in Kentucky is complete. GOEBEL is dead and TAYLOR'S anarchical government still lives behind bristling bayonets.

—And the "old man" is shelved indefinitely. The best thing he can do now is to hunt up ROBERTS and console with him by reading "The Outsiders" aloud.

—It cost the government just \$105,144 to find out that Secretary ALGER was a disgrace to it, when any school boy could have furnished the information or nothing.

—If MACRUM don't speak soon the administration had better send him back with instructions to OOM PAUL to plant him as a new sphinx on the top of Spion Kop.

—People will pay fancy prices for strawberries at this season and then pay fancy prices to get their gourd, too. It is a rare printer who is troubled with either.

—The Maharajah of Jaipur has given one hundred thousand rupees to the South African war fund, which means about \$50,000 to snore the Boers and make Mr. JOHN BULL a rage-ah!

—London, England, is not the only London on the map these days. There is a great big splatter on the topographical outline of Kentucky that makes the world's metropolis fairly clamor for notoriety.

—Talk about old "Bloody Bridges" WAITE, why TAYLOR of Kentucky made the memory of the bellicose Governor of the Centennial State like a gentle zephyr blowing over a sad eyed old cow, standing in a limpid meadow brook.

—Philadelphia is finding out that it is one thing to pledge \$100,000 and another thing to raise it. If each fraudulent voter in that city would share a little of his November plunder with the convention committee the task would be ended instanter.

—It isn't so much "standing up for the good of the country" that spurs JOE SIBLEY to want himself clasped with the Republicans as it is a response to QUAY'S demand for a return for the part the "old man" played in beating STONE for Congress up in that district.

—Municipal elections in Bellefonte have long been conducted on the plan "may the best man win," and, going on that assumption, W. HARRISON WALKER and EDMUND BLANCHARD are flying around, like motes about an arc light on a June night, trying to persuade people that they are about the bestest men that ever happened.

—While the fulfillment of conditions of the fable about the ground-hog and its shadow last Friday would naturally cause the belief that antecarat of the tail end of the winter had returned to his hole for six weeks longer, it is nevertheless the truth that there is still plenty of ground-hog hanging about the butcher shops in town.

—Attorney WEEKS, who has handled the MOLINEUX case with such signal ability throughout its tedious trial of eighty-four days, surprised New Yorkers, on Tuesday morning, when the prosecution rested, by announcing that they would call no witnesses in defense. After the unprecedented strain there has been on the jurors throughout the examination of Commonwealth witnesses the effects of this announcement will be decidedly problematical. At this distance it looks like a successful play for an acquittal.

—The way the Republican party holds to its convention pledges is enough to make a sick cat laugh. At St. Louis it pledged itself to the furtherance of bi-metallism, but so far as any furtherance has been concerned it has been done in the direction of mono-metallism. Republican officials have played every card into the single standard hands and now that another campaign is coming on they are afraid to "stand pat" and ante up to draw more cards with a senatorial resolution favoring bi-metallism, "provided the same can be secured by concurrent international agreement at a ratio which will insure the permanence of the relative value between gold and silver."

—This kind of favorableness to bi-metallism caught the people once, but the friends of the white metal have not sufficiently recovered from the last stab in the back to be caught by this shallow bait.

—The sassy folks in Washington are very much wrought up just now because of the tendency of some of the lion lions down there to jump out of their pens. Official etiquette demands that certain ones shall keep in certain rank at all official functions, but there invariably happens to be some man or woman in the mix-ups who are the rare possessors of a ton of dampishness and about an ounce of sense and the trouble begins. Just the other day some wife of a foreign Ambassador declined to take the arm of a Minister from one of the South American Republics and for awhile it seemed as though an international complication was likely to arise. Members of the Cabinet, Senators and Congressmen and their ladies are constantly haggling about who shall come first in the procession and if the fool killer were turned loose at some of the functions in Washington, with instructions to crack the first head that appeared, the country would be less likely to be annoyed with such petty pecksniffing at its national capital.

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The Party of Anarchy and Outrages.

What was threatened has been fulfilled. What was planned has come to pass. Republicanism, to maintain its power in Kentucky, has not hesitated to resort to assassination, nor flattered in its determination to create anarchy to accomplish its purpose. To-day, he who was the duly elected Governor of that once great Commonwealth fills a martyr's grave; law is set aside; the courts defied; riot and blood shed threatened on every hand, and from one end of the State to the other a reign of terror exists, such as has never been felt by any people, or disgraced any government.

And why? Simply to hold power that was wrongfully given to Republicanism three years ago, and that would be taken from it if the forms of the law were submitted to and the will of the people recognized.

Kentucky is a Democratic State. Even the most violent bigot who votes the Republican ticket will admit this. At the recent election, and in the face of the facts that tissue ballots were used in many districts; that fraudulent returns were made from others; that Republican judges drove regularly chosen election boards from the polling places; that unauthorized persons were put in charge of many of the elections; that the militia was called out and used to intimidate voters; that arms from the state arsenals were scattered over the State among the thugs and toughs of the Republican party—and in spite of all the fraudulent, forcible and dishonest means used against them the Democrats carried the State by an overwhelming majority, as shown by the election of members of the Legislature and county tickets.

On the question of who was elected Governor, there was room for an honest difference of opinion. Three candidates were in the field. Among them the vote was divided that neither had a majority of the whole. TAYLOR, who has since sought to resort to anarchy and to benefit by assassination, with all the frauds his moonshiners had committed and in the face of the intimidation his predecessor had practiced, was over 7,000 votes short of a majority of the whole.

The people of Kentucky demanded a legal inquiry into the methods resorted to at the election and a constitutional determination of who had been elected. They appealed to the Legislature—the power fixed by the Constitution of the State to hear and determine such questions. It was a grave question that was sought to be determined. It was to the legal and constitutional authority that its decision was referred, the outcome of which no man knew nor could any one predict.

And it was here that Republicanism showed its real purpose, not to submit to any law or any decision that would disturb its claim to control. It had authority over the militia, and it called them into requisition to intimidate and over-awe the Legislature; it brought its law defying population to the capitol city and armed them with State rifles to defy the orders of the courts; it hid its assassins in the public offices and protected them from the penalties of the law with the bayonets of the militia it controlled; it committed murder in the broad light of day and shielded the criminals behind the barricaded doors of the creature it claimed was elected to administer justice and see that the laws were enforced; it openly and brazenly defied the courts, and as shamelessly resorted to brute force to prevent their interference with the outrages it was committing to continue itself in power. Anarchy, red-handed, blood-bespattered anarchy, is the result.

And for it Republicanism that incited it, that now seeks to excuse and condone the atrocities that have been committed, is alone to blame. Possibly it can survive such a record, but if right is to reign, if manhood, honor or love of justice, lives within the hearts of the people, the brutal and cowardly assassination of Governor GOEBEL will cling to Republicanism in Kentucky until, like the poisonous shirt of Nessus, it has not only consumed its flesh but has rotted its treacherous bones.

The County Statement.

The tax-payers who are expecting the commissioners' statement will be disappointed. As yet the county auditors have been unable to complete their work, and until they are through the commissioners feel that it would be out of place to attempt a financial showing. We understand that the work of auditing the county accounts is being done with a great deal of care, and that several large discrepancies between the actual and published condition of affairs are yet to be explained, or will be shown by the auditors report. We have the assurance from those who will make up the statement, for the public, that it will be ready for circulation by next week for certain.

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Beneficiaries of Alleged Vicious Legislation.

One of the most peculiar situations growing out of the trouble in Kentucky is that in which the newspapers, sympathizing with TAYLOR in his efforts to create anarchy in that State, place themselves by their bitter and violent attack on the GOEBEL election law. To its enactment and requirements they attribute all the trouble that now lies so heavily upon that Commonwealth. Under its provisions, they allege, all manner of frauds and outrages can be committed, and that it was enacted into law solely for the purpose of enabling the Democrats to count the Republicans out, and to seize hold of the government of the State against the will of the people.

Because of this law, they say, has come the disgrace and militarism and anarchy, that Kentucky now suffers from. And yet it is under its provisions and in consequence of a certificate issued in compliance with its requirements, that they would seat TAYLOR as Governor. It is to a certificate of a returning board, created by this "pernicious, unfair and infamous," election law, as they insist it is, that he must look for the only claim he has to the office, to secure which he has resorted to assassination and has plunged the State into anarchy and blood-shed.

If that election law is the vicious, rascally and outrageous measure Republican papers assert it is, did ever man have a rottenner foundation to stand upon than has the assassin-protecting, anarchy breeding TAYLOR, in his efforts to be made Governor of Kentucky?

And right here another question may not be out of place. If that election law was enacted, as the entire Republican press of the country assert it was, for the purpose of enabling the Democrats to over-ride the will of the people and declare such a result at the election as they desired, how comes it that TAYLOR holds the certificate of election? Or if it was passed by Democrats for the purpose and intent, as alleged, of committing frauds under it, and they had the power to do so, is not the fact that the certificate was given to TAYLOR, evidence that the law is not the vicious, partisan, enactment charged, or proof that no such frauds were designed or intended by Democrats?

If the GOEBEL election law is what Republican's would have the people believe it is, then the fact that they are the beneficiaries of it, when Democrats had the opportunity of profiting by its provisions, gives the lie direct, and undeniable, to the charges that their contest is to over-ride the will of the people and their success will be the triumph of fraud.

The newspapers that went off at half cock and were pronouncing Senator CLARK guilty of bribery, long before any evidence was heard in his case, are beginning to revise their opinions, or have shut up like clams, since the facts are being brought out. In place of making out a case of bribery against him, it is beginning to look as if the prosecutors were a band of conspirators whose chief efforts have been to bribe witnesses to commit perjury.

A Costly Experiment.

The latest official figures giving the expenses of our attempt to gain possession and take control of the Philippine islands puts the total cost, including the \$20,000,000 paid to Spain, at \$355,000,000. This is a pretty stiff sum to pay for all we will have after success crowns our efforts. What that will be the good Lord alone knows, for no man now can tell. Some people say it will be the satisfaction of crushing the Catholic Church and its influence on these islands. Others believe it will be the glory of an open field to clothe and christianize its unwashed heathens. Others still imagine it is to secure a dumping ground for worthless political officials so far from home that their incompetency will not be known or their profligacy felt, while there are others who talk about "destiny" and "duty" as if it was our destiny to become the towel washers for the barrens that our flags now fly over, or our "duty" to become responsible for the polygamy, paganism and pestilence that prevail there.

To say nothing of the lives that have been lost, the suffering and sorrow that it has caused, or of the future trouble it is sure to bring, the effort at expansion in the Philippines is the most costly experiment the American people have ever undertaken. Three hundred and fifty-five millions of dollars, and can any one tell for what?

—The Philadelphia Ledger, that prides itself on its conservatism in statements as well as in sentiment, figures out that "the wage earner who supported his family on \$1,200 last year must this year pay over \$1,200 for the same goods—a raise of nearly 20 per cent in the cost of living." Possibly there may be spots in this great big, blowing country, where the wages of workmen have advanced 20 per cent over what they received that year. If there are won't some hopeful howler about McKINLEY'S prosperity tell us where they are?

Which?

After promising a hundred thousand dollars for the doubtful glory of having the next Republican National convention, Philadelphia is now in doubt whether the money can be raised, and in still graver doubt if it will pay in the end to raise it. It is true that the conscience of the average Philadelphia politician will not trouble itself about the repudiation of a contract. It is equally certain that the politics of that city cannot be made more rotten, even by contact with the doubtful characters a general Republican convention would bring together. Consequently there is but one question arising out of this promise that Philadelphia will feel inclined to seriously consider before furnishing the amount, and that is, if it gives \$100,000 to get McKINLEY'S convention, will it be able to raise the additional amount necessary to pay for the padding of their registry lists and stuffing the ballot boxes when election time comes round?

Without these Philadelphia could not parade itself as the city returning the largest Republican majority in the country, nor point to its overwhelming Republican vote as evidence of its claim to whatever political chromes were being distributed. This boast is Philadelphia's glory, and it is the fear of clonding this that creates doubts as to the propriety of raising the \$100,000. To give for the purpose of securing a Republican convention is to lessen to that extent its corruption fund. To lessen that is to endanger the service it expects of repeaters, false counters and the army of ballot box defilers. To refuse to give, after the promise to do so has gone forth, is to write itself down as unworthy of belief and brand its own party as political and financial repudiators.

Surely the quiet, old Quaker City is up against a question that it will consider with many "conscientious" scruples before determining finally.

And in the meantime Mr. HANNA must wait.

Don't Lose Much.

If Mr. JOE SIBLEY imagines that the announcement of his purpose to accept a renomination to Congress from the Republicans of his district is going to either dispirit or dishearten the Democrats of Pennsylvania, then Mr. SIBLEY is mistaken just to the extent that he inflates himself with such a belief. Of all the men who have figured in politics in this State, for years back, none will be missed less in his retirement from Democratic circles than will the Venango Congressman. During the years that he has been to the front and parading himself as a Democrat he has never been known to devote a minute of his time to contribute a dollar of his wealth, or to turn his hand or open his mouth for the party he professed allegiance to. He was content to accept the loaves and eat the fishes, and to glorify SIBLEY. Last year, when the Legislature was in session he exhibited the honesty (?) of his political convictions by his attempt to hood-wink the Democratic Members into a scheme that would insure the election of boss QUAY to the United States Senate. The vigilance of Col. GUFFEY, Senator COCHRAN and others uncovered him so quickly and so completely that he failed to find a single follower. Even the members, who had been candidates on the same ticket with him, refused to heed his appeals, and after a week of campaigning in the interest of the enemy and for the betrayal of his party, he left for home without a single follower, or the political respect of anyone. His latest move will cause no more regret in Pennsylvania, than did his leaving Harrisburg after his discredited efforts for QUAY last March. He will take no one with him. All that the Republicans will get will be JOE SIBLEY, his eccentricities, his unreliability and his doubtful political principles. The Democrats will lose nothing but his vote, and that could never be counted on for a certainty.

Nothing Lost by His Declination.

Mr. TEDDY ROOSEVELT, that over-rated and under-courbed statesman, who has been frisking and kicking around the Republican political field for the past two years, as does a colt with a burr under its tail round a pasture lot, has stopped long enough to take his breath and to announce that he will not accept the nomination of his party for the Vice Presidency. This may be unpleasant news to some persons, and agreeable information to others, but to most people it will seem as of little importance as TEDDY, himself, has proven to the welfare of the country or the good of the State he thinks he governs. The people have had a trial of him. They have taken his measure and, to-day, in all that broad land, in their opinion, there is not a more pretentious humbug—a greater wind-puffed, blustering demagogue, than the wanted reform Governor of New York. That he will not be a candidate for Vice President, is possibly due to the fact that he has not been asked, but is more probable attributable to the intense egotism that is likely to induce him to aspire to the Presidency.

Where the Responsibility for the Kentucky Outrage Rests.

Hon. Henry Watterson in the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Many a man has been hanged upon less evidence than that which connects Mr. TAYLOR with the assassination of Mr. now Governor, Goebel.

"This Taylor—by the money and grace of the Louisville and Nashville railway company, and the intimidation concurrence of the officers of the Louisville and Nashville in the recent count of votes, says nothing about the law-abiding acquiescence of the Democratic Legislature and the Democratic masses of the State—this Taylor, acting as de facto Governor of Kentucky, no sooner found himself clothed with the little brief authority thus vested in him, than he began to organize for the forcible retention of his de facto appointment.

"Whether the scheme of the Louisville and Nashville management to buy, through Whitten, enough members of the Senate to defeat the Democratic contestant, without any resort to violence, succeeded or failed, Mr. Taylor thought to make himself doubly assured by providing an army in advance. Everything was to be hoped from corruption, but nothing was to be left to chance. If the plan to buy out succeeded, well and good; but if it failed, this mighty man of war had no thought of surrendering the place he provisionally held.

"The first thing to be done was to proceed with the reorganization of the militia on a Republican basis begun by the predecessor. The next thing was to bring to the state capital a host of wild mountain men, reckless of human life, used to the handling of firearms and trained to covert and safe assassination.

"To justify these proceedings the organs and the orators were loaded with incendiary appeals to the most degrading passions of our species. They were cocked and primed to prepare the way for precisely what has happened, and what was adroitly and exactly planned to happen.

"Mr. Taylor gathered about him his Republican militia officers. He arranged to have the people's armament, including Governor Bradley's Gatling guns that did such good work on election day, so disposed as to be ready for emergency.

"The disgraceful business brought to a crisis, he called down his murderous mountain men. As was inevitable, some of them proceeded to make night hideous upon their arrival in Frankfort, and being arrested by the local police, they were—though taken red-handed—promptly pardoned in advance of trial and bade to go free; a public notice that they and their comrades, brought to the State capitol for a specific purpose, might do their worst, sure of the executive clemency.

"That this could only end in bloodshed went without saying. That it was designed to smother bloodshed showed upon the face of it. It was, in effect, to put a premium on murder.

"No one, however, could have contemplated that the de facto Governor would go the length he has gone in condoning murder, after promising it, and in shielding murderers, after setting them on.

"Mr. Goebel was shot down from ambush provided by the de facto Governor, Taylor. Instantly all effort to arrest his assassin was blocked by Taylor's orders. Two days have passed and not a word is said by this mock Governor, so ready with his treasonable proclamations and so prompt with his lawless use of troops, to disperse legislative bodies and to terrorize courts of law, to pursue the perpetrators of the horrible deed done under his own official character, almost in his presence, and by men brought to Frankfort by his orders.

"If this be not a public acknowledgment of complicity, then there is no significance in human conduct. Even a Louisville and Nashville railroad attorney would characterize it as, at the very least, 'contributory negligence.'

"Truly, whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—The Lancaster Ministerial association on Monday discussed the South African war and all the speakers favored the Boer cause.

—Eighteen cows and other live stock perished by the burning of Walter Watson's barn at Fitzwatertown on Monday. The loss is heavy.

—Saturday evening the Methodist Episcopal church at South Fork, Cambria county, was badly damaged by fire which originated from a defective flue.

—Jacob Lister, who committed suicide at Dunbar, was the fifth jurymen on the famous Drakes-Nutt murder trial at Uniontown that ended his life in that manner.

—W. C. Catlin, aged 35 years, recently appointed superintendent of the Cambria Bessemer steel works at Johnstown, died on Saturday. He leaves a wife and one son.

—The borough of Montoursville, Lycoming county, will have to go into court to keep its supply of water. H. W. Whitehead has announced to the borough council that the reservoir, owing to an incorrect survey, is on his land and he wants court to remove the reservoir or pay \$8,000 for the land.

—While Joseph Roush, who resides on the W. W. Fleming farm above Reedsville was driving a bull up through the valley on Saturday evening, it attacked him opposite the Al. Wagner residence and ere the mad creature was gotten under subjection great him so severely in the head as to require several stitches.

—Lemon Rager, aged 22, who is employed on a saw mill at Lloydell, Cambria county, met with a serious accident Monday last week. He was working near the fast running saw and in some manner slipped and in order to save himself from being caught threw out his right hand, which went up against the circular saw. It was split to the wrist, while the thumb was severed.

—During the year 1899 there was shipped from Williamsport 241,200,000 feet of sawed lumber, an increase of 17,784,000 feet over the shipment of the year previous. To carry this lumber it required 13,405 cars. The last year has been a very prosperous one to the lumbermen, the stock on hand now being from two-thirds to one-half less than it was a year ago.

—A officer is making a canvass of Altoona in quest of neglected dumb animals. He proposes to see that cows and other animals are properly housed and fed these cold days and nights. Prosecutions are to follow the discovery of ill treatment. All towns should be so canvassed. The bare floor of a stable is not fit for a cow's bed on a cold night; neither is a half ration of weak food sufficient for her comfort.

—The Pennsylvania Steel company has purchased 100 acres of additional land in the vicinity of its Steelton plant, on which a number of furnaces may be erected. Important changes will also be made in the bridge and construction departments and the frog, switch and signal department. A wire mill and cast steel plant may also be built. Over \$100,000,000 will be spent in making these improvements.

—Treasurer Hershey's defalcation has left Lancaster county in bad shape financially. There is now only \$60,000 in the treasury with very little income available until June, when the taxes are paid. A temporary loan will be made to tide over the shortage. Suit will be brought against the bondsmen of Hershey in a few days, but there will be a long legal contest before the county collects the deficiency.

—Anna Dickson, once the queen of the lecture platform, will appear in the United States court, at Scranton, in March, as a prosecutrix. The defendant in the case will be Dr. James Oglesby, of Danville. When Miss Dickinson was sent to the Danville insane asylum, some years ago, Dr. Oglesby was called in the case. Miss Dickinson alleges that a number of physicians and other people conspired against her to have her committed to the asylum.

—Mr. John Swops still continues to bring in the wild animals roving about Huntingdon county. During last week he captured six foxes and eleven minks. On Monday last he succeeded in capturing a large wildcat near Bares tunnel. This is supposed to be the same animal that carried one of his traps away at that place about two weeks ago by breaking the chain. During the past week some uneasiness has been felt by the men who are in shanties near Bares, as this animal could be heard very frequently, making hideous noises near their cabins at night, in search of any refuse food which might be cast away by the workmen.

—It is said the directors of the Blair county Agricultural society will meet in the arbitration room of the court house at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon next, to discuss plans for the forming of a spring racing circuit. Secretary Frank H. Fay has proposed a racing circuit to include Hollidaysburg, Johnstown, Indiana, Williamsport, Puxnetown and DuBois. Should these places not consider the proposition favorably, it is further said a circuit will probably be arranged to include Altoona, Tyrone, Huntingdon, Lewistown, Port Royal and Newport. In other words, if the second class horse towns fail to yield to the wishes of the Blair county pumpkin and cabbage show managers, the real up-to-date sections will be allowed to enter the track.

—A dispatch from San Francisco, under date of January 31st, says that Rev. D. H. Shields formerly of Curwensville, at one time Chaplain in the regular army, but who was dismissed from service on account of drunkenness, was picked up near the Clay street wharf in a dying condition this morning and was hastily conveyed to the city receiving hospital, where he now lies in a precarious condition. It is evident that want and starvation have reduced the former army chaplain to the physical wreck he now is. Without friends or money enough with which to secure a meal, exposed to the cold rains and winds, and but thinly clad, the wretched man had dragged himself about the city's streets for the last three days and finally collapsed through sheer exhaustion. His pulse was very weak when brought to the hospital and the physicians gave it as their opinion that he might not survive. Shields is too weak to talk and has made no statement since picked up at the water front.

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