Ink Slings

-During the last few days most anyone would like to have been the iceman.

-Sousa and his band are making quite a hit in Paris. We presume they are doing a good bit of blowing about it too.

-It is indeed the irony of fate that often forces the fellow who is loudest in his condemnation of trusts to ask for it most.

-The summer girl now dazzles her friends with the startling exhibits of how she has succeeded in getting a gown out of nothing.

-The "eastern politicians" who are "talking about nominating CLEVELAND and DEWEY" at the Kansas city convention had better arrange it so that the cart won't be before the horse.

-The job of a Methodist Bishop must be a good one; judging from the number of candidates there are for the two positions has always to be considered in this conthat are to be filled by the Conference now in session in Chicago.

-New York "sassiety" is becoming so effete that we are alarmed for its future. ment he lives under has much to do. The "upper crust" will find, when its too late, that the edict against the babies as unfashionable is too much shortening

-Corbett is out with an interrogatory to the public to ascertain why he "might not run for Congress as well as any other man." All right, JIMMY, let 'er go. They say you're the fleetest thing afoot in a prize ring and you ought to make a good run-

-KELLY was the shooting star in the Pop convention at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He thought he was running the there war in any country to add to the whole thing until the other delegates threatened to throw him out, and then he realized that he was running it, like KELLY was.

-Senator CLARK, of Montana, seems to be after all the advertising he can get. On Tuesday he resigned his seat in the Senate. but the echo of his doleful departing words had scarcely died out in the galleries ere the tick of the telegraph instrument begun to announce that the Governor of Moncana had reappointed him to the Senate.

-A large consignment of Delaware shad eggs were shipped to Ireland on the Oceanic yesterday. They are to be planted in the Irish river. It is purely an experiment. It remains to be seen whether the roe that rode over in a boat that wasn't rowed will ever be caught riding in an Irish fish monger's cart on the rocky road to Dublin.

-JIM CORBETT had been known among sporting men as a "dead one" up to the go he had with the world's champion bruiser JIM JEFFRIES last week. But like a terrapin that is being cooked alive "Pompadour," "Gentleman," "Actor" JIM wiggled and danced about the ring for twenty three rounds before he finally succumbed to the new chef of fistina.

-The Lycoming jailers who are making an acrobat out of murderer HUMMEL, under the pretext of building him up physically for his execution on June 5th, might do something that would be of greater future use to the unrepentent wretch if they would carry these circus specialties a of making the American farmer prosperous bit further and teach him to eat fire and by aiding him to secure good prices. jump the blazing rope.

-Reports are conflicting as to whether Mafeking has fallen. The English say BADEN-POWELL is still holding out, while the Boers say they have captured the garrison. At all events the English soldiers who have been starving there for months won't be very fat picking for the Dutch. The last we heard of them they were dining on saddle of old mule and curry of

-The up the State girl who wouldn't marry her bow-legged lover until he had undergone the painful operation of having the crooked limbs broken and reset, so that they were straight when well again, had an eye for convenience. She didn't want to have to run around with a table leaf or some other contrivance to keep her from falling through every time she felt like sitting on his lap.

-It may well be asked what have the Cubans gained by cutting loose from Spain and throwing themselves on the mercy of the United States. According to the gather, house and market his crops, as well Cuban officials, themselves, no such a misappropriation of funds ever occurred under the most extravagant of Spanish officials as has been discovered in the postal regulations of the island under Director General of Posts RATHBONE, one of McKIN-LEY's favorites.

-Talking about high priced pieces that statue of MAUD ADAMS that was shipped to the Paris Exposition on Tuesday was about the costliest we have heard of for some time. It was of solid gold and carjeatured MAUDE as the ideal American girl. While all are not as beautiful as she, or so much of an artist in their lines, yet the girls of America are quite good enough to be symbolized in a golden statue, for they are gilt edged indeed.

-The Boer women and children are being lauded to the skies because they are running the farms, while their husbands and fathers are fighting for their liberty. They are indeed to be praised, but what of the thousands of American women who have been running everything, since the day they were married, so that their husbands can sit on a store-box and whittle or loaf on a street corner and talk about the poor, down trodden laboring man?



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to purchase.

A Few Plain Facts for the Farmer.

demand that secures a fair price, govern-

mental policies can go a great way, although

the scarcity or fullness of European crops

nection. With the rates the farmer has to

pay for such implements, machinery and

necessaries as he must have the govern-

Remembering these basic facts, farmers

must wonder at the gall of those who are

continuously prating about the prosperity

under the present Republican administra-

During the month of May, 1896, under

Democratic administration wheat was sell-

ing at 70 cents; rye at 40; corn at 37; oats

at 20; barley at 30; buckwheat at 40 and

clover seed, according to quality, from \$4.00

At this time there were neither short crops

nor famine in any part of Europe, nor was

Now we have all of these. A famine,

such as has never decimated any land ex-

tending over the greater part of India from

which source much of the bread-stuffs of

European countries were formerly pro-

cured; an almost total failure of crops

throughout other sections of the Old World;

a prospect of short crops here at home; war

in the Philippines and war in South Africa.

all adding to the demand for that which

our farmers have for sale, and each adding

addition reasons why our wheat and other

grain should command a better price than

And yet with all these reasons why

farmers should be getting more now, for

the products of the farm under a Repub-

lican administration, than they did for the

same products during the last year of Mr.

CLEVELAND'S control they are getting

less for some and but little more for oth-

ers. At present wheat is bringing 70 cents;

rye 40; corn 46; oats 28; barley 40; buck-

wheat 25, and cloverseed from \$4.00 to

A less average than was paid for farm

products in 1896, when there was neither

create a demand or wars to lessen produc-

tion and turn men from being producers

In these figures and in the opportunities

conditions in Europe have given him it

can easily be seen what Mr. McKINLEY

On the other hand, under this adminis-

tration that has failed to add a penny to

sale if he has to purchase a reaper, a mower,

a plow, a harrow, a cultivator, a fork, a

shovel or any of the multitudinous im-

plements he is required to have he is com-

pelled to pay from one dollar and a-half to

two dollars and a-half for what each dol-

lar would have bought in 1896. If new

forty per cent. more for them than he did

then. If wire is needed for fencing it costs

him one hundred and twenty-seven per

cent. more than it did in 1896. If he needs

a stove, a skillet or an iron pan, it will cost

him forty per cent. more than then. If

he needs bolts or burs or rails they cost

him one hundred and fifty per cent. more

now than then, and so on through the long

For everything he needs to till his soil.

as for everything he and his family uses

and that he must purchase, he must now

pay almost double, and, in some instances, more than double what he paid in 1896.

It is in this increase in the prices of those

things he has to buy that governmental in-

fluences and governmental action are ap-

parent. Nine tenths of the implements or

articles he has to purchase are the

administration of Mr. McKINLEY has given

by scores in every State and has placed al-

most every industry in the country under their selfish control. The Republican tariff

-known better as the DINGLEY bill-was

created specially to protect their interests

and to prevent competition in the articles

and with protection they can charge what

they please and the farmer must pay it. He may think the price very high; he may

swear a little and growl much but he must

pay what they demand, because he must have what he needs, and he can find it

nowhere else, for these trusts have crushed

With the same prices paid in 1896 for

such products as he has for sale, and with

manufacture and place on the market, he must be a fool farmer, indeed, who cannot

see what interests the McKINLEY admin-

has been to protect the trusts.

istration has made prosperors.

products of trusts. These monopolies, the

list of all his needs.

famine nor a shortage of crops in Europe to

ordinary demand for our cereals.

to \$6.00 per bushel.

they do.

into consumers.

BELLEFONTE, PA., MAY 18, 1900.

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The Beginning.

The fruits of Mr. McKINLEY's colonial What makes prosperity for the farmer is good crops, a fair price for them and reapolicy are beginning to ripen. There will be a regular harvest of them to gather, sonable rates for the implements he is comlater on, when all the fields are properly pelled to have and for other articles he has tilled, and the crop is ready for the garner. With the growing of good crops no ad-

The first ripening is down in Cuba. ministration has anything to do. But with Last week one of the colonial officials, a making the price, or rather with creating a | fellow by name of NEELY, whom Mr. Mc-KINLEY had planted down there to grow a good salary and take charge of postal matters in and about Havana, was found with his pockets bulging out with public money, and he has since left that country to enjoy the fruits of his thieving.

This week they have, by accident, discovvered a shortage in the accounts of another of Mr. McKinley's appointees-Eustis G. RATHBONE-who was made high muck-amuck of all post office matters under the title of Director of Posts. He hasn't been in the position long, but the little while he has been "Director", he has directed things in such a way that Cuba is now fuller of post offices, examiners, inspectors, auditors overseers, detectives, etc. than Philadelphia is of Republican ballot box stuffers and repeaters. The salaries of all of them have been increased, time and again, until the expenses of running the Department have become enormous.

RATHBONE lived high, as colonial officials \$6,500 a year. The government furnished him a house free. His horses eat out of carriages were made good at public exflowers and wines were paid for out of through the power of brute force. public moneys, and his own and his family's clothes were settled for out of the funds of the Post Office Department.

This is a fine illustration of the opporbut one of the many that Mr. McKinley sympathies or change the sentiment in has planted.

When the crop ripens properly, in all the different departments of the many colonial fields they are now working, there will be no calculating the harvest that they will gather in.

But it is a system we have adopted under the blessed rule of Mr. HANNA's man, have been seized, in order to make places for Republican officials, send in their returns we will begin to realize what a crop of rascals we have, and how we can discount Spain, among other countries on the globe, in robbing the people through public

Another Opportunity for Expansion.

and his administration has done in the way the value of any product a farmer has for son killed the cocoanut trees and shriveled WILLIAMS, died of starvation, and the few Africa? shoes are needed on his horses he must pay people left are in a condition to conquer or annex without much trouble.

Mr. McKINLEY should have this new found land-should expand to take it in-which could be accomplished almuch when he would get it but it would his wagon needs new tires he must pay a furnish an excuse for another commission hundred and sixteen per cent advance. If to examine and report upon it; for the esment, for offices by the score and in the end for stealings that might prove at least fairly profitable.

This is an opportunity that Mr. HANNA should not allow to be over-looked.

A Judge With a Job on Hand.

The days of strikes are here again and with them the days of government by in-

the other will be a most unpleasant one. doubled prices for everything that trusts Milesburg, but now of Erie, was one of the men placed in nomination for vice-

convention last week.

that he attempted to usurp a power not

conferred upon him as a Judge. To do

competition and Mr. McKinley's policy the one will be a big job, to acknowledge

Are We Not Worse Than England?

There are some who would assert that nine tenths of the American people sympapathize with the Boers. Others might contend that four-fifths would be nearer the right proportion, but whether it is one or the other of these fractions either one goes to show how great the preponderance of American sentiment is for those whom they believe to be fighting for the right of self gov ernment in far away South Africa.

Notwithstanding our views and our sympathies in this case, the English people believe, and we believe they believe honestly, that they have just grounds for carrying on the war. They assert that Bryan could not disturb existing condithey have tens of thousands of citizens, residents of that country, who are denied rights to which they should be entitled; that these people have interests that are fort being made in favor of Republicanism. endangered; that they are taxed but given no voice in the government; that millions of English capital invested in mines, and manufactures, in agriculture and business, are threatened. To these are added scores of other reasons, intended to justify the wickedness and cover up the purposes of

We believe and feel that these are but miserable excuses for an unjustifiable and an unboly effort to deny to the Boers the | Constitution does not follow the flag, that are given to living. He had a salary of right of self government and to extend the only some of the people are born free and power and authority of the British Empire. We look upon it as an attempt to seize the public crib; the wear and tear of his that to which the English government has neither claim nor moral right, and to as- a large standing army and the new idea pense. His dinners and receptions, his sume an authority and claim possession

This we, as Americans, believe and no reasoning that can be produced will cause us as a people to change such belief It is born in us; its a part of us and no this connection.

But how about ourselves and the war we are waging? You will answer immediately that is another question. So it is. But it is one in conditions and purposes won- with no dreams of imperialism and united derfully like unto the one England is wa- as in the days of Washington, we had ging. But England furnishes us an excuse for her war, that she has tens of thousands and when Porto Rico, Havana, Hawaii, the of sitizens whose interests and rights are at Sulus, Philippines and other islands that stake; that she has millions of investments to care for; and that she has interests in the prosperity of the country and the welfare of her people who are making it their home. But what excuse have we? Where, even, have we the miserable, selfish plea to make that we have either investments to our soldiers hailed as deliverers and our protect or commercial interests that are country blessed as a protector. endangered.

When the war with Spain ceased it is doubtful if there was a score of American Here's another chance for expansion and citizens residing or doing business in the the power to plant a colonial government. Philippines. There was no American capi-Palmerstien island is a small speck of land tal invested there. There were no rights midway between the islands of Tahiti and denied any one, nor did any of our people Samoa. It is seldom visited, except by claim that they had in any way been traders from Baratouga, and as its trade wronged. We owned nothing then, nor amounts to but little they don't go there had we claim upon anything over which often. Last week a vessel that had gotten the Philippine government had authority city on the part of the administration out of its way passed close enough to see and control. Having no rights to be designs of distress and, upon making inquiry, prived of; no property to protect or no indiscovered that what little population was | terests endangered. How or for what realeft was starving. The drouth of last sea- son can we make even the miserable excuse that England does for her efforts to up everything else. The owner, EBHER blot out Republican government in South

Then, if England is wrong, and we all believe she is, in what position are we? If our sympathies go out to the Boers, and we know they do and feel that they should. what should they be towards the Filipinos. most without exertion. It might not be They are a weak, helpless people who for many, many years have been struggling for self-government. They have done us no wrong. They have deprived us of no tablishment of another colonial governights. They threaten us no harm. They owe us nothing. We have no claim to their homes, their prospects or their gov-

> What excuse have we then for our war? England is wrong-that we feel and believe. What are we?

-By the time Mr. McKINLEY's trusts junction. The latest movement in this get through and Governor STONE's oleomarline was the effort of a New York Judge, garine syndicate satisfies its greed, in fleecnamed FREEDMAN, to prohibit, laboring ing the farmers, some of them who have men from contributing to the support of always voted the Republican ticket may birth to as rapidly as a rabbit increases those who were striking. This he tried to discover the glories of Republican adminher young. His policy has built them up do by injunction, but his injunction doesn't istration, both federal and state. Many seem to have injuncted. Since he granted of them, by that time, may not have much it the Cigar-Makers Union paid out \$10,000 to show for the hard work they have done openly and ostentatiously to those of their to get a little ahead for declining years, members who are on a strike, and dares but they'll have an experience which, if it Justice Freedman to show that he has eith don't fill the stomach or help cover the er authority or courage to enforce it. It is back, will, at least, furnish, food for honest now up to this tool of corporate influence to reflection over how easily they were gulled prove that the law clothes him with any and how blind their partisan prejudices such authority as he assumed, or to admit made them.

> -SCHLEY's declining to permit the use of his name as a vice presidential 'candidate is in strong contrast with DEWEY'S -THEODORE P. RYNDER, formerly of presidential aspiration. The hero of Santiago is not ready to make a trade upon his well earned laurels at sea for the job of President by the Pops at their Sioux Falls a land lubber who is usually laid on the shelf the moment his term expires.

Carl Schurz's Reasons for Supporting Bryan.

From the Rockford, Ill., Star Carl Schurz will support Bryan. This he declared the other day in Milwaukee. He admires Bryan's "insistency, consistency and honesty," and avers he "is the one great American whose hand he would like to shake."

Mr. Schurz says Bryan sticks to silver because he is not a changeling. He is the same yesterday, to-day and to-morrow, and no murmur from the passing crowd can change him, if he thinks he is right. Silver, in the opinion of Mr. Schurz, if made an issue, will not drive anti-imperialists from Bryan. He regards the currency question as settled for six years at least, and hence, in the event of his election, tions. He believes there is more danger in imperialism than in silver. Monarchies, he holds, are stronger than ever, and in all Europe there is not to-day the slightest ef-Even in Canada the old sentiment for independence has died out, and the Dominion is clinging more contentedly than ever to the British crown. At such a time Mr. Schurz declares those who believe in liberal institutions should assert themselves. He sees danger in the trend of the times. quarter of a century ago the people would have risen in their might and crushed the party which declared the Constitution a back number and the Declaration of Independence a mere sentiment. But to-day the head of a great party insists that the equal, and that governments do not derive their just powers from the governed; and a great party supports this contention. Mr. Schurz maintains that colonial possessions, that we can conquer people and deny them the rights of citizenship means eventually a strong government in which the military feature will predominate.

For these reasons Mr. Schurz will support Bryan. Mr. Schurz is a great factor in politics. The Germans look to him as their leader. He led them to McKinley in tunities of the colonial system. And it is conditions that may arise will lessen our 1896 and may lead them to Bryan in 1900.

The Harvest We Are Reaping.

From the New York Journal Two years ago Spain declared that a state of war existed between that kingdom and the United States. Two years ago taken up arms not only to free a strug-

gling people from tyranny, but to vindicate our honor as a nation. What have these two years brought forth. Victory and mourning-the return | the two men had over the failure of Harmon of great heroes and the disbanding of armies, but not the content that should fol-

On opposite sides of the world we have acquired islands and coaling stations and the care of brown peoples. On these islands we have seen our flags welcomed,

We have seen the patience of these peoples and their faith in our honesty gradually worn beyond endurance by the degeneracy of the party in power. We have seen them-already naked and starvingburdened with additional taxes.

We have established in the islands we assume to own a system of tyranny and njustice such as Spain never dreamed We have seen the dawn of imperialism—the dream of government by the few and for the few—the lust of colonies over-riding of pledges, and a financial rapasuch as would do credit to the old Carthagenian kings.

Was the war worth all this? Should it not have left something nobler in its wake than chicanery, injustice and legalized robbery? These are questions for the people to answer at the polls.

A Sign of the Times.

From the Lancaster Intelligences

So here is "Potato Patch" Pingree declaring that the hope of the people is in the Democratic party this fall, and smoothing his scramble to the safe side of the political fence by protesting that he has not been heard to say anything against Democrats for some time. This is interesting as a sign of the times,

and important as the deliverance of an astute and forceful politician who has figcured so prominently as to earn denuniation, both as an adventurous demagogue and an original and radical reformer, while following. Whatever may be thought of the man, and whatever is said of the motives actuating him in his present course, it must be regarded as a hopeful omen, and may warrant the ranking of Michigan with Kentucky, as a State no longer doubtful. There has long been an impression that a sense of shame for Algerism made this highly probable, but the action of that lively Pingree indicates that other forces, akin to those that operate throughout the country, are agitating the Michiganders.

The success of Governor Pingree has been largely due to his keen and correct reading of the popular pulse, and his bold and quick action in accordance therewith; and he is not now mistaken. McKinleyism is doomed because the people are sure to see that their hope is not in the autocratic party of Hanna and the trusts, but in the Democratic party of ancient days and honest ways, unburdened by imperial

All Signs Blowing Bryanward. From the Pittsburg Post.

The Chicago Chronicle, which was and has remained an ardent gold standard paper, supporting Palmer and Buckner in 1896 with decided ability, now predicts that Bryan will retain every Populist vote given him in 1896, and besides secure a million Democratic votes which were not given to him then. In that case Bryan would be elected. The Chronicle will support Mr. Bryan as the nominee of the Kansas City convention. Spawls from the Keystone

-The Pennsylvania Railroad company has decided to give acetylene gas a trial in the lighting of their station buildings, and have contracted with C. K. Sober and Porter for an outfit of fifty-one lights for the Montandon station building.

-Miss Sophie S. Spangler has brought suit in Lancaster for \$200 damages against Mrs. Cora Seiverling. The parties live in Ephrata borough, and the plaintiff claims that Mrs. Seiverling made statements to the effect that she stole, and was a witch and had bewitched her.

-The carpenters of Chester, who demanded \$2.75 for nine hour's work, have been conceded it by most of the boss carpenters, and there will be no strike. The plumbers have been conceded nine hour days, and there will be no strike in that department of the building trade.

-The stable of George Hawk, at Lewistown, was destroyed by fire shortly after 2 o'clock Saturday morning. A horse and possibly some chickens were burned. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary. A couple of outbuildings were also burned.

Mr Hawk had \$100 insurance on the stable. -A man named William Fleming on his way from Blairsville to Philadelphia to work for the Pencoyd Bridge Company, jumped from a freight train at Lewistown Junction Friday evening immediately in front of mail train east and was struck and killed. Deceased was a single man, aged about 38

-About 30,000,000 feet of logs have reach. ed the Williamsport boon this spring and of that number, probably one-half have been rafted out. There are about 75,000,000 feet yet back, and it is stated that nearly twothirds of that number would come in on a five-foot flood.

-About thirty prominent independent Republicans of Bradford, McKean county, have formed an organization to further the candidacy of Lewis Emery, Jr., for Congress in the Twenty-seventh district. Conferees have been appointed to meet with conferees of the other three counties at Warren within the next ten days, when it is expected Emery will be placed in nomination

-Mrs. Allen Barger's suit against B. J Bower, superintendent of the Chester Hill schools near Philipsburg, for assault and battery was decided in the defendant's favor at Clearfield Thursday. The suit grew out of Mrs. Barger's attack on the principal who had punished her son and detained him after school. Mrs. Barger will pay the costs in the

-Wilfred Strunk, of Beech Creek, was gigging in the Bald Eagle dam at Howard a few nights ago and captured two fish larger than any fresh fish ever seen in that town. One was a German carp which weighed fourteen pounds and 6 ounces: the other a leather carn which weighed fourteen pounds. In all he had eight carp, the total weight of which was ninety pounds.

-Judge Gordon on Tuesday sentenced J. C. Harmon, of Pennfield, to eight months in the county jail for manslaughter. Harmon it will be remembered, killed Ezekiel Hewitt by striking him with a weight, in a quarrel who is a merchant, to deliver a bill of goods Hewitt had bought and paid for and ordered delivered at a certain time. The murdered man was the father of Earl Hewitt, the State College athlete.

-The storm of Tuesday of last week struck the barn of Thomas J. Hazlett, in Granville township, Mifflin county, with such force that about two-thirds of one side of the roof was blown off. The roof was a substantial one of shaved shingles, indicating that the wind blew with remarkable violence. The roof was blown down on the hog-pen, crushing in the side, but the shoats therein fortunately escaped injury.

-Joseph Lundy, a butcher of Slabtown, near Williamsport, was driving up Hoagland's branch Thursday, when he saw a bear with four cubs step out of the bushes. The mother bear swam the creek, but the cubs not liking the water, climbed a tree instead. Mr. Lundy called a boy to watch, while he went after a farmer named Warburton. The two men felled the tree and threw the cubs in Mr. Lundy's wagon. Both men were considerably scratched by the cubs. The mother bear sat on the opposite side of the creek making a peculiar noise, but made no move to prevent the capture of her young.

-George Porter, tenant on the farm owned by Wilson Strohm, in Southampton township, Franklin county, is confined to bed with five broken ribs and severe bruises as a result of being run over by a 900 pound field roller Tuesday of last week. His little son was driving the horses hitched to the roller when a flash of lightning frightened the animals and they started to run. Mr. Porter tried to catch them and was thrown to the ground. The roller pushed him along for a distance of ten feet and then ran over controling a numerous and enthusiastic him, breaking five ribs on the left side and bruising him seriously.

> -When Professor McDade ascended in his balloon at the circus at Pottsville on Saturday night young Walter Cartwright, who had helped hold down the baltoon but unwitting. ly failed to loosen his hold on the guy rope was hauled rapidly up into the air. "Wrap the rope around you!" yelled the excited aeronaut to the dangling fellow below, and Cartwright, a muscular fellow of 20, was able to obey. Then, when the balloon had reached a height of about 400 feet, it collapsed, and both the professor and his unwilling passenger descended unceremoniously together to terra firma. Marvelously, both escaped with slight injuries. The weight of the two was too much for the parachute.

-Charles Robinson, the telegraph operator who killed John O'Neil by shooting at Spruce Creek last January, was acquitted at Huntingdon Friday evening of the charge of murder. The jury took only two ballots. Robinson had unsuspectedly surprised his wife and O'Neil in their preparations for an elopement, which they were making at his home, and, knowing of O'Neil's intimacy with Mrs. Robinson, at once shot O'Neil, sending seven bullets into his body. The defense set up the plea of emotional insanity, which was sustained by expert testimony, and on this alone the jury found their verdict. Notwithstanding his counsel's motion for his immediate discharge, Robinson was sent back to jail by Judge Bailey until Saturday.