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And all of this fussing is done,  
When the old town's no longer in clover  
And Miles and the fellers gone hum,  
T'will be flat as a flounder around here.  
With nothing to shine but the sun,  
And then we will blame the Centennial  
For putting Bellefonte on the bum.  
-There will not be a buttermilk class at the races.  
-That the wall paper trust should go to the wall is quite natural, even if surprising.  
-After all the terrible scare about the murdered ministers in China it appears that they are all alive and well.  
-Between the roar of the seas and the bore of TEDDY ROOSEVELT they must have had a very noisy time at Atlantic City on Monday.  
-Coffee has gone up half a cent a pound and now more grounds than ever for complaint will be found in the bottom of the boarding house pot.  
-If things are not going your way remember that there are a few others on the earth and your way might not be their way.  
-They may caricature and ridicule STEVENSON to their hearts' content, but, above all, he will still be the staunch, true Democrat he has always been.  
-To think of it, Chicago is to lose two thousand saloons because the price of beer has gone up. What a pity the price couldn't go up so high that the world would lose all such dispensaries.  
-If President McKINLEY and his Mr. Secretary ROOT were in Bellefonte to day they would probably turn green at the roasting reception the people of Centre county will give Gen. MILES.  
-They say there are four million bushels of peanuts consumed in America every year at a cost of \$10,000,000. Quite a lot. But we could dispense with the ones that are used in churches during service and at public meetings.  
-The Buffalo church that has set up a defense, in a suit brought by its organist for back salary, on the ground that his work was done on Sunday and is unlawful, therefore ought not to be paid for, will start some of the ministers in the land to guessing.  
-The Sugar valley woman who thought she saw her husband sitting behind a brush pile, and thinking to surprise him, rushed right up to a big black bear, was probably slightly surprised herself. She ought to have known that behind a brush pile was no place to surprise a man.  
-The fakirs are a fakir!  
All along on Water street,  
Their "barkers" are a grabbin',  
Every green thing that they meet,  
They'll be playin' of the fortune wheel,  
"The ten pins" and "bee hive",  
And bettin' on the big "star green",  
Until they're skint alive.  
-The Philadelphia Press is of the opinion that the bulk of the gold Democrats will vote for McKINLEY, what a fine sense of humor the Press paragraphist must have to use the word "bulk." It is the first time we have ever heard of their being anything bulky about the gold Democratic vote.  
-OON PAUL is said to have had his hair cut and whiskers trimmed the other day and now reports come to the effect that he is personally leading a great battle against the English at Middleburg. The foxy old Dutchman. He fixed himself up so that Lord ROBERTS could never have the satisfaction of saying he had made the fur fly.  
-The Wilmington, Del., judge who frowned upon the city solicitor for appearing at court in his shirt sleeves and adjourned the session until that worthy had put on his coat was probably roasting himself and didn't want anybody else to be cooler than he. But all the roasting the hot weather could have given him would feel like a Klondike breeze in contrast with the "roasting" that was due him from solicitor MEDFORD.  
-The manner in which LI HUNG CHANG, the eminent Chinese statesman, plays fast and loose with the diplomats of the foreign powers is enough to make the world believe that he has played them all for wooden men. Old LI is a crafty individual and the first thing our people know he will have them "worked" about on the same plan as he did his own government when he equipped the Chinese army with wooden guns at the price of modern steel rifles.  
-A Hazleton moulder is said to have discovered a chemical combination for making noiseless and smokeless powder. He has given several demonstrations with it that appear to have verified all the claims made for it. With noiseless powder in the battles the cowards never will know when to run, crawl under fences or behind stone heaps, for they will be likely to get into the fray before they realize where they are at.  
-The drought that has extended over this section for so long threatens to add the corn crop to its list of victims. Some rains have fallen in sections of the county within the past three weeks, but they have either been too light or too dashing to do any good. With the corn crop gone the last resource of the Centre county farmer fades for this season and as he sits by his fire in the fall, thinking the matter over, he will ruminate in vain for one McKINLEY blessing. High priced groceries, high priced implements, high priced clothing and no crops is the discouraging spectre that has confronted the farmer for several months.

At the End of the First Century.

To-day and to-morrow we celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of our country. Truly its people have reason to rejoice at the showing made at this, the end of its first century. Few countries have done as well; none have done better; few can point to the general progress and prosperity, or to the prominence attained; none to greater contentment among its people. From the smallest and most sparsely settled division at the time of its formation it has grown to be one of the most important, wealthiest and most prosperous counties of the State. In the healthfulness of its climate, the purity of its water and the beauty of its scenery it is without a rival. In the sturdy morality and the general intelligence of its population it is unsurpassed. In the fertility of its soil and the wealth of its mineral deposits it has no superior. In its comfortable homes, its productive farms, its prosperous business men, and the general contentment of its people it is the equal of any locality within the Commonwealth. It is 1,227 square miles in extent, and is the largest county in the State. It has a total of 785,280 acres. It has 197,712 acres of as fertile and productive lands under cultivation as are to be found in the Commonwealth. Its 537,568 acres of uncultivated and tillable lands are all, or nearly all, under laid with iron ore, coal or other valuable minerals. The assessed value of its real estate is \$15,342,328. The assessed value of its personal property is \$405,243. The actual value of all its property is more than double the value fixed by the assessments. It is divided into twenty-five townships and eight boroughs. It had a population of 43,269 in 1890, and the recent census, although not given out officially, shows over 45,000 people within the county at this time. It has a voting list of 9,765. It has 216 public schools, with public school property valued at \$257,155. It is educating in these schools, 12,000 children. It has academic and private schools that are educating hundreds in addition. It has 161 churches, the valuation of which is returned at \$426,520. It has 147 miles of railroad. It has over 1,000 miles of good public roads. Its litigation amounts to less than 30 days actual time for the courts during the year. Its county tax rate is but 3 mills on the dollar. It has newspapers that are second to no county papers in the State. It has furnished seven Governors, five for Pennsylvania, one for California and one for Kansas. It has produced judges, and lawyers, doctors, preachers and teachers, known to the entire country, and with reputations and abilities equalled by few and excelled by none. It has given Democratic majorities at every annual election that has been held within it during the hundred years of its existence, except at three presidential, four state and seven county elections. Is there any reason why we should not all feel proud of our county; thankful that we are citizens of it, and pray God that the next hundred years may witness equal strides in everything that tends to make a county great, and its people worthy, prosperous and contented.

Ballot Frauds in Kentucky.

The Republicans of Kentucky propose to go, before the people on a single issue, ballot reform, and the platform of the party consists only of a denunciation of the GOEBEL election law. No doubt that measure is faulty in some respects, and the Republicans of Kentucky may have just cause of complaint against some of its provisions. But it can hardly be as atrocious a law as they would make us believe. It will be remembered that after the last election for Governor there the returning board declared that the Republican candidate was elected on the face of the returns and gave him the certificate. Judicial investigation subsequently made proved that the result was fraudulent, and that the Democratic candidate was entitled to the commission. An election law which permitted the minority party to return the most votes may be bad but it is not all on the side of bad Democrats. But however just or unjust the complaints of the Republicans of Kentucky against the GOEBEL election law may be, there is certainly no reason in Republicans of Pennsylvania protesting against frauds in the interest of Democrats at elections. At any election in any year since 1892 there have been more fraudulent votes counted for the Republican candidates in Philadelphia than have been counted for the Democratic candidates in Kentucky at all the elections during all the years that

The Campaign Opened.

The Democratic campaign in western Pennsylvania was opened most auspiciously on Saturday evening. More than 5,000 earnest citizens assembled on an intensely hot night, in an exceedingly hot city and for hours listened to the gospel of Democracy as expounded by the distinguished speakers on the occasion. There was no "make-believe" enthusiasm in that vast crowd. It was a genuine, whole-hearted and honest expression of faith in Democracy and a notice to the Democrats of all parts of the country that there is no halting in the ranks or limping in the gait of Democrats in that section of the State of Pennsylvania. The principal orator on the occasion was Hon. ROBERT E. PATTISON, twice chosen Chief Magistrate of the State, and no man questions either his honesty or his integrity. He gave to the Democrats the key note of the campaign upon which we are now formally entered. He recited, in burning phrases the outrages which have been perpetrated by the Republican party against the traditions of the country and the sacred principles upon which our grand Republic is founded. He pointed out in unequivocal language the false pretense under which imperialism is being enthroned in the name of expansion and he invoked the Democracy to come forward and rescue the country from the peril in which it is engulfed. As the campaign has been auspiciously opened in western Pennsylvania, so the patriotic word should be moved forward in every section of the State. No contest of equal importance has ever been witnessed in the civilized world. It is not a question of which party or what individual shall occupy the Executive Mansion in Washington during the next four years. It is to determine whether "government of the people, for the people and by the people shall perish from the earth." We have reached the parting of the ways and the vote of this year will determine our course in the future.

The Chinese Affair.

The welcome intelligence has come to the people that the American Minister in Peking, as well as all the other diplomatic representatives of civilized nations there were safe, though in imminent danger, on the 18th of this month. Supplementary dispatches indicate though there was much disorder and probably a great deal of violence, confusion and crime there, during the time that has elapsed since the insurrection of the Boxers began, the authorities, those representing the governing dynasty, have employed every available means to preserve the lives and property of the foreigners. That being the case how will the administration at Washington justify the invasion of a country with which we are at peace, with an "army and banners." If it had been true as alleged by some that the government of China had begun a war against humanity and Christianity, then it would not only have been the right, but actually the duty of our government to join with other Christian countries in defending the principles of religion and the right of exercising it. But it appears that such a state of affairs did not exist in China and if that is true we had no more right to invade that country than Italy would have had to send an army and fleet to attack Washington because some Italian subjects were murdered at New Orleans some years ago. The purpose of Russia and Great Britain

How They Will Try to Do It.

Several of our grumpy Republican contemporaries are flourishing their sunbonnets wildly in a queer effort to scare voters away from Bryan. They claim that capital is showing signs of timidity for fear that labor—the true electing power—will elect Bryan. They claim to be responsible for the prosperity of the people, yet they are trying to cramp that prosperity by calamity cries. Four-fifths of the wealth of the country is owned by less than one-fifth of its population. Nine-tenths of that proportion of the country's wealth is Republican; nine-tenths of the trusts are Republican; and all the wealth thus represented works on ball bearings with a corrupt Republican administration. The Standard Oil Company, the gas companies, the Carnegie companies, the Sugar Trust, the telegraphs, the railroads, the telephones, the Rubber, Tobacco, Leather, Lead and hordes of other trusts are Republican trusts, operated and controlled by Republican boards of directors. Thirty Republicans of wealth in this country—men who exert a selfish interest in swaying the President and buying Senators and Representatives—have a joint yearly income approximating \$300,000,000. These men can stop or start a panic at will. They can expand or contract the currency at will. Their fear of Bryan is not the fear of the honest financier, but of the thief. They fear an honest government. They fear Bryan, especially, because he is known to have a backbone. They do not fear the financial question. They could have a diamond dollar if they wanted it. They fear legislation that hits straight from the shoulder for the people. They cringe and cower at the thought of the legislation that Bryan may recommend against them. This is why they preach panic and prophesy hard times. They are afraid—sorely and shiveringly afraid. Therefore, through subsidized Republican organs, they throw up their hands in a horror-stricken effort to scare labor away from Bryan. Their talk of "panic" is a threat. Of course they can bring it about if they want to. Nobody doubts the power delegated to them by dubious Republican administrations. But should labor hang back by reason of a threat of Republican panics from those who control Republican finances? The laboring man is not constituted after that fashion. The election of Bryan will mean nothing worse than the shattering of trusts and imperialism, the restoration of legitimate competition and a full dinner pail at reduced prices.

Fears to Condemn Trusts.

In his speech accepting the Republican nomination for President, delivered at his home in Canton, Mr. McKinley uttered not one word concerning trusts. Why this ominous silence, as to one of the most important subjects now agitating the minds of the American people? Is the President for the trusts or against them? The people are suffering most grievously from trust monopolies and legislation for the further enrichment of the trusts at their expense. Assuredly the President could not, in his helpless vassalage to the trusts, denounce them. They own him and dictate his policies through Mark Hanna, their accredited instrument. They elected him to the Presidency in 1896. They are contributing the slush-fund to be used in his campaign for re-election this year. They look to him for the extension of their power and the strengthening of their greedy grasp on the commerce and industries of the country. He is pledged to their service, body and soul. Therefore the President of the United States did not dare, in accepting a re-nomination to the high office which he now holds, to say one word about the trusts. He stands before the American people to defend the people from the monopoly greed of the trusts. He dare not. He is mute and, of his own consent, impotent. It is for the American people to pass judgment upon such a servant of the people.

It Is Bogus Prosperity.

The Republican national platform dwells fondly on the declaration that the country is enjoying unusual prosperity and the people have every reason to desire a continuance of the influences which brought the existing conditions about. The President in his speech in reply to the notification of his nomination accepted this declaration as of good faith, and took upon himself the credit of changing conditions from bad to good. But has there been any improvement that affects the people? In what respect have conditions changed to their advantage? The railroads are busier than they were four years ago, probably, and their profits have increased no doubt. But how much more do the brakemen get for ten hours work, and what material increase has been made in the wages of conductors and firemen? Probably they work longer hours and the amount of their pay checks is enhanced in proportion as they strive and impair their health by the prolonged application of their energies to the labor before them? But how much more do they have after the bills are paid? How much are they able to add to their savings? The only thing that is certain in connection with the wages of labor is that it requires more money now to keep the family than it did before and the only way to get the additional amount is to work hard and long. Meat costs more now than it did and sugar, and oil, and leather, and chemicals and soap and every luxury and necessity that comes into the house costs more than it did before imperialism turned the head of the President, and the ambition to become a world power and meddle with the affairs of foreign nations entered the minds of our governing agencies. But that is not a sign of prosperity. It is an unflinching symptom of decay.

Mr. Quay's friends hereabouts will doubtless take some comfort out of the fact that COL. W. F. REEDER has been hounded from the position of Judge Advocate of the Second Brigade of the National Guard, and Mayor EDWARD B. MCCORMICK, of Greensburg, appointed to the place. What particular qualification Mayor McCormick may have, if any are actually necessary—for the position, we do not know, but as the change was made, more to gratify the political spleen of the QUAYITES, than from any desire to improve or strengthen the National Guard, we presume this appointment will meet with the cordial approval of all the stalwarts. They will, at least, rejoice that an open enemy is not wearing honors at their bestowal.

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-Albert Carlson, of Renovo, has instituted legal proceedings against Lewis Putt, of that place, to recover \$10,000. In January 1899, Mr. Carlson, while passing a row of dwellings belonging to Mr. Putt on Eighth street, was struck by a brick which fell from an alleged defective chimney on one of the buildings. Mr. Carlson was rendered unconscious. He claims that his health since then has been greatly impaired, he being compelled to lose considerable time by not being able to work. The case will likely be tried at the next term of court.  
-The large stable or barn known as the Centre Hackney stable, located in Huntingdon Furnace, was discovered to be on fire about 3 o'clock Sunday morning and within half an hour was totally consumed, together with its contents, consisting of four horses, fifteen tons of hay, a quantity of feed and several sets of harness. The barn was owned by the George J. Shoenberger estate and the loss on it is estimated at \$800, on which there is \$500 insurance. Two of the horses belonged to B. A. Zentmyer, who also had some other property in the barn, and his loss is \$400, with no insurance. Only after a hard fight was the dwelling of Harry Harris saved from the flames. As it was the summer kitchen was on fire several times, but the flames were extinguished before they got much headway. It is thought the fire was of incendiary origin.  
-Clare and Paul Hippler, of Daleborough, near Johnstown, are under arrest, charged with being the perpetrators of the most remarkable robbery on record. They, according to the police, took the \$100 from the stocking on an amputated leg on the morning when a Pennsylvania freight train ran into some excursionists. That leg belonged to Mrs. Anna Begley, wife of the editor of the Windber Journal, who was run over by the train. After she regained consciousness at the Memorial hospital, she told the physicians that she had concealed \$100 in the stocking on the leg that was cut off, the object being to keep it safe while she was on her journey to visit her parents in Bedford county. The leg after being cut off by the train, lay on the station platform for a few minutes, time enough to allow the Hipplers to turn the stocking inside out and secure the money. After being locked up the boys told Constable Cook that most of the money was secreted behind a board in the piano at their home, and there the constable found \$79.