

Ink Sling.

The bloomer girl and the shirt waist man are likely birds of a feather...

There will be a few less ancestor worshippers in China by the time the allied forces reach Peking.

With regard to the troubles in China the duty is plain enough, but the doing of it is a little too hilly.

There are many towns in England where thunder has never been heard and the timid may live in peace...

The last contingent of German soldiers left Bremerhaven for the Orient on Saturday evening, but strange to say, the Emperor did not make a speech.

The Philippines send us a weekly reminder that the war is not as near over as the imperialists would have us believe.

Out of ten thousand bicycles in Scranton only two thousand were returned by the assessors for taxation under the new side-path law.

It is rumored that Capt. JOHN A. DALEY doesn't propose to have the Republican relegate him to the rear as a legislative possibility.

Major ARMES, the retired United States army officer, who won unenviable notoriety for himself by pulling General BEAVER'S nose...

Former Speaker of the House, the Hon. THOMAS BRACKETT REED, has declared that he will take no part in the coming campaign...

It is little wonder that the people of Porto Rico hissed and were unresponsive when the few Americans on that island tried to get up a demonstration...

The rights of the people and the perpetuity of the principle upon which the Republic was founded?

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The Milwaukee trolley car motorman has just been the victim of an accident similar to the one that befell the girl whose celluloid hair comb caught fire...

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Fresh Encouragement and Its Consequences.

It is not that there is any danger that Mr. BRYAN, if elected, would undertake to tamper with the gold standard law. That is a mere cry of partisan calamity howlers.

For the sake of saving words and the time that would be lost in an effort to convince those who have set their heads against conviction, we will admit that the above, in its fullest significance, is true.

With McKINLEY successful would not "fresh encouragement" be extended to imperialism to go on in its fight for one man-power for its standing armies and even increasing taxation for the abridgment of constitutional requirements...

Would not "fresh encouragement" be given to militarism in its demands for greater powers; the rule of the army; its right of conscription; and its complete supremacy over civil authority?

Would not "fresh encouragement," for the imposition and continuation of tariff taxation with its special benefits for the few and its increased burdens for the many, be given by his success?

Would it not be "fresh encouragement" to the trusts, we are now cursed with, and inspire new combinations of capital to assist in crushing individual enterprises and personal endeavor?

Would not embalmers, beef contractors, stale medicine suppliers; shoddy goods manufacturers; speculators in rotten transports; postal pilferers—the EGANS, the RATHBONS, the NEELYS—and the whole army of governmental highwaymen, political black-legs and public robbers, that have been bred and fostered under the rule of HANNA and by the grace of McKINLEY, be given new hope and "fresh encouragement" to continue their outrages upon those at the mercy of their departments and their pillage of a treasury placed at their disposal?

How about "fresh encouragements" to these? Is a "dying cause" or fear of interference with the intrinsic value of a dollar of more importance than the preservation of Republican government?

The promotion and defense of individual effort?

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He must be a mercenary indeed who, to save an imaginary war upon the value of his dollars, would give fresh encouragement to a cause that seeks and threatens the destruction of all that has made his government, good, great or glorious.

And yet this is the position that the Record, and its lonesome following of gold standard Democrats, must occupy if we understand aright its "fresh encouragement" theory.

Looking for New Liars.

Whether or not the report is correct that chairman HANNA has offered WEE CHENG, the Shanghai liar, a desk in his campaign literary bureau, and with a salary that would exceed any sum the Emperor of China could pay him, we do not know.

There is one thing that is true in this line, and that is, that if the past and present policy of that bureau is to be continued some new liars are needed. The old ones seem completely worn out.

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Why the German Vote Revolts Against Republicanism.

It is not to be wondered at that Republicans are uneasy and uncertain about the German vote, nor is it strange that this, with them, should be the particularly doubtful quantity to be considered in the pending campaign.

For many years the bulk of that vote, believing that the Republican party was the advocate and representative of Republican principles, has been solid for that party as is the colored vote of the south.

They see under the asses' skin that covers Republicanism the form, features and claws of the imperial lion.

Nine tenths of the Germans who have emigrated to and become citizens of this country, broke up home ties and left relatives and friends in the old world to escape the merciless conscription and the unbearable tax burdens that an imperial government requires.

They know that imperialism means. They have seen their young boys dragged from their homes and schools and forced into service through a conscription that heeds nothing but the necessities of the army and the orders of the Emperor.

They know it all. They have experienced its workings. They understand its purposes and have seen its results. To them it is a terrible nightmare and the closer they get to it again the more horrible it appears.

Under the plausible pretext of "expansion" and "following the flag" we are approaching these same conditions. None know or see this more plainly than do the German voters.

It is because they know and have felt what imperialism is, because they see and understand how rapidly we are nearing its home destroying conscription and its poverty entailing taxation, that makes them first hesitate, then protest and finally revolt against a party and a policy that is work to this end.

Under the circumstances it is not strange that the German vote is leaving the Republican party and now threatens its complete overthrow.

He must be a dolt indeed, who imagines that intelligent men would flee their native country to escape the results of imperialism and then vote to inflict its burdens and its horrors upon the country of their adoption.

These terribly hot, humid, haze suggesting days are not the only reminders that Sirius is ascendant and that dog days are on. There are numerous other little incidents that recall the popular idea that now is the time to get lives, itch and all those kindred skin pleasures that the dog star showers on us.

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The Democratic Cake is Not all Dough.

The Philadelphia Press, in one of its spells of political liberality, generously concedes to the Democrats the election of one Congressman from this State—the nominee of the Berks-Lehigh district.

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War has begun. If those we are attempting to save perish through the means we have adopted to rescue and protect them, who will be to blame?

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Revealing their Own Shame.

If the Republican party is the party of intelligence, learning and enlightenment, as it has always so pretentiously boasted, what is the use, or where the consistency, in the fuss it is now making about applying the educational test to voters, as is being done in the South?

Surely a law that will disfranchise the ignoramus who can neither read nor write, and who refuses all opportunities to better his condition in such respects, should not effect the right to vote of any member of that organization.

Such a law certainly would not apply to those who have been voting the Republican ticket? If their contentions have been correct its strict enforcement would only increase the chances of their carrying some of these States, and enable them to get a foothold upon territory that the infamy of their carpet-bag rule long since made untenable for the party responsible for it.

Did any one ever hear of the Republican party or its press kick against anything that promised to benefit it?

Not that we have ever heard of. To-day it is kicking like an army mule and soldiering at a rate that would out-do a fish-woman, because illiteracy is to be prohibited the ballot, and ignorance banished from the polls.

Don't this, thoughtful and unprejudiced reader, strike you as a queer position for this party of boasted intelligence—this self-advertised head-light in the procession of progressiveness—to occupy?

Or does it simply prove the falsity of the claim it has so pretentiously made, and emphasize the truth that when you strike at illiteracy and ignorance you are certain to hit Republican voters.

Hon. W. C. LINGLE, of Patton, has been renominated for Assembly by the Democrats of Cambria county. Mr. LINGLE'S election two years ago in the face of an ordinary Republican majority in the county was an attestation of his popularity and he will have the additional advantage in this fall's campaign of having made an exceptionally satisfactory record in Harrisburg.

Who?

A week ago LI-HUNG CHANG, the old time friend of the American people, and of American interests in China, assured the authorities at Washington of the safety of the Representatives of this government in Peking.

At the same time he warned them that the advance of the allied forces of which that portion of the American troops now in China are a part, would increase the gravity of the situation and possibly result in the extermination of all foreigners in the imperial city.

We refused to enter into negotiations for their safety. We charged Chinamen, without exception, with acting in bad faith. We demanded that we be put in direct communication with our representatives, and threatened the direst consequences if that was not done.

Diplomacy might have saved them. It was not tried.

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Serious Thoughts for Thinking People.

This year 1900 is the centennial anniversary year of the first election of Thomas Jefferson to the Presidency, and by a sinister coincidence it is the first presidential year in which the paramount issue is whether the American people shall make a radical departure from the principles of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution framed by the fathers of the Republic.

Our children or our children's children will rejoice or lament because of this decision. If we elect McKINLEY the country will be irrevocably committed to the principles of imperialism, and no man living will be wise enough to say in what part of Asia, Africa or Europe the rising generation of Americans may not be summoned by the tens of thousands to fight and die for the flag which Washington and the fathers of the Republic dedicated to peace and "friendship with all nations and entangling alliances with none."

Building an Empire.

The New York Journal hints that somebody has been copying Machiavelli without giving due credit. It quotes from "The Prince," a work of this famous diplomat.

"The greatest emergencies," says Machiavelli, "confront despoils while they are laying the foundation of their power. To ensnare a free people, ruler must turn the general attention away from domestic concerns. Let him seek foreign complications and distant wars. Struggles for dominion abroad distract attention from what goes on at home. The most arduous policy for him who would become an absolute monarch is to tell the people that he is making them prosperous. He must dazzle the popular mind with the expectation of riches. But as it is manifest that all will not attain riches, he must take care that some favored few heap up enormous wealth. These favored few will thus be beloved by the people and become wholly devoted to himself."

No one is so silly as to assert or believe that McKINLEY aspires to the regal title of emperor or to be anything higher than a president. But who, even among his admirers, doubts that he enjoys the fact that he is practically dictator of the Philippines.

He has exercised and is now exercising all the power that an emperor could have, and he is exercising it in a way such as Machiavelli suggests. He is abling a favored few to heap up enormous wealth, and in order to keep himself and his friends in power he is distracting the attention of the people from domestic concerns and is dazzling the popular mind with expectation of riches.

Used Only as a Scare-Crow.

The managers of Mr. McKINLEY'S canvass for a second term apparently are planning "a business scare" as the most convenient means to the end which they have in view.

In other words, they are doing their utmost to make the country believe that the free coinage of silver is involved in the result of the election in November, and are employing premises and conclusions which are equally fictitious.

Frightened by a Ghost.

We are sure that prosperity will not be promoted by trying to frighten the souls of fearful capitalists with awful apprehensions of danger from the ghost of 16 to 1, which Mr. Bryan, with the able assistance of Prince David, shoved into the Kansas City platform.

A suit before Squire Lennahan, of Centuria, Thursday, for the recovery of \$10 brought out the fact that one Frank Cassock, a resident of Midway, had sold his daughter to Anthony Musavovich, of the same place for \$150, the \$10 being paid to bind the bargain.

Our Plain Duty.

The Philippine Islands belong to the people who inhabit them, and no course will right the wrongs that have been done them or make due reparation for the injustice and oppression they have suffered at the hands of this country but the turning over to them of their rightful power and authority.

The Paramount Issue.

The paramount issue of to-day is what it was in 1800—the preservation of a Democratic Republic from the insidious encroachments of class rule.

Spawls from the Keystone.

John Vocum, of White Deer, met with a painful accident on Thursday. While chopping in the woods his axe glanced from the tree he was cutting and striking him in the face almost severed his nose.

An accident occurred near Glasgow, Cambria county, Monday a week, in which Stewart Ulery, 14 years old, discharged a shotgun, injuring a Hungarian named Albert. It is reported the boy was shooting at mark. Albert will recover.

The barn on the farm of Samuel Bierly two miles from Tylersville, Sugar Valley, Clinton county, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The crops stored in the barn were consumed, but it is stated that the live stock was saved.

James, the 11-year-old son of Frank Walls, store manager of the Webster store company at Ehrenfeld, was run over by a train of cars about 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning and died at noon from the terrible injuries received.

Wm. Coffroth, brother of General A. H. Coffroth, the well known Somerset county lawyer and Democratic politician died Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock at his home in Somerset. He was aged 85 years. He is survived by a widow and several children.

Fred Hoffman, of Windfall, Lycoming county, was riding a heifer, when he slipped off its back. His foot caught on a hook in the harness and the boy was dragged head downward. Finally the hook was torn from his flesh, when the lad fell to the ground. He was badly bruised.

The Johnstown Democrat having heard that Dr. Geo. B. Glass, of South Fork, is being urged by his friends to accept a senatorial nomination on a fusion ticket, says: "Dr. Glass is a radical Republican. He weighs about 300 pounds, and for that reason we will not say anything against him."

About six o'clock Friday evening the residence of C. A. Thompson, of Irwin, was entered by thieves who ransacked the house and carried away a purse belonging to Mrs. Thompson, containing \$50 and some valuable papers. The house is in the central part of the town. The thief made good his escape, leaving no clue.

One of the boldest acts of vandalism on record in Blair county, occurred recently. One night Howard Estep, of Antis township, had a calf killed in his barnyard by an unknown party. The calf's body was taken and the hide and head were left hanging on the fence. There is no clue to the perpetrator or perpetrators.

The large boarding house at Matson's station was demolished by a wreck on the Beech Creek railroad. An eastbound train derailed a west bound freight, which contact threw twenty-six cars of the track. The cars rolled down the embankment at that point and crashed into the building. No one was injured. The wreck occurred Saturday night.

A deserter from the United States regular army, named Haman, was arrested, Thursday afternoon, at Osceola by a constable of that place, and was taken to the Clearfield jail to await the arrival of a detailed soldier who will return him to an army post for trial. It is Haman's second offense, and with two desertions to his credit the trial is likely to go hard with him.

If a child born to Mr. and Mrs. Detrich, who lives near Fort London, lives until Sunday it will be six weeks old. The child, which is as healthy as month-old babies usually are, was born without nose or mouth, with three fingers missing from one hand and one finger missing from the other. At the place where the nose ought to be there is an opening leading into the palate.

Professor Silas Wright, ex-county superintendent of Perry county, and at present county surveyor, was dangerously, and it may be fatally injured, at Millersville station Wednesday morning. He was driving across the overhead bridge when a freight train passed under. His horse frightened and ran away, throwing the professor out on his head. He was picked up unconscious and taken to the National hotel in Millersville.

Charles Hoffman, an employe of the Good Coal company at Pine Hall, Somerset county, was beheaded about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon while going to turn a switch on the Berlin branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Hoffman was riding on the pilot of the branch shifter with two railroaders, and when the engine was approaching the switch he jumped off sideways and was thrown back under the wheels of the moving locomotive, which passed over his neck.

Dr. Henry L. Donnelly, one of Latrobe's pioneer physicians, died Friday morning from Bright's disease. Dr. Donnelly was born near Perry, Westmoreland county, in 1829. He spent his entire professional life at Latrobe and was considered an authority on surgery. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in company K, Eleventh Pennsylvania volunteers. In 1862 he was promoted to the captaincy of company G, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth regiment, serving to the close of the war.

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For the first time since he and his wife were struck and maimed by the freight train at the Pennsylvania railroad depot in Johnstown on Wednesday, July 12th, and their little son killed, Editor J. C. Begley Monday read an account of the dreadful Lakemont excursion catastrophe. He is fast improving in his condition. In the mornings and evenings he experiences no inconvenience, but in the heat of the day he has to stay in doors and avoid the sun, to prevent dizziness and possibly fainting spells. Despite his grievous hurts Editor Begley is not depressed about himself. His wife is bound up, not in his own injuries, but in the death of his baby boy and the loss of a limb inflicted upon his helpmate.