

Isk Slings.

Speaking of being in the swim, ain't that about the place Mr. HANNA's ship subsidy bill is expected to get. Turkey hasn't paid that indemnity for the American college destroyed during the Armenian outrages, but we all had revenge on Turkey yesterday. After aiding all we could in crushing the South African Republics it would be just the thing to blubber out our sympathy for the crushed and helpless Boers. It is not well to count too hopefully on legislative reforms while the state ring controls the power that has the last whack at legislation necessary to accomplish it. A great many of the fellows who voted for the "full dinner pail" are already finding out that they will have to do a little work on the side if they expect that McKINLEY vote to keep their dinner pail full. The GOULDs have been sued by a bric-a-brac dealer to recover \$385,000 owing him by the Count and Countess Castellane. Bric-a-brac comes high, but the most costly piece the GOULDs ever bought was the Count himself. The senatorial weather-vane has not been pointing in Mr. QUAY's direction for some days past. Like Mr. McKINLEY's prosperity his chances are more in the minds of his friends than in existing conditions. HARRY HALL, of Pittsburg, is said to be the candidate for Speaker of the House upon whom the Independents and Democrats are most likely to unite. If these parties pull together it will not be a heavy haul they will have to make to get him there. The plan to blow up Lord ROBERTS while in church in Johannesburg on Sunday morning failed. Even had it been carried to a successful termination the blowing up "Bobs" would have gotten couldn't have been any worse than the blowing up the English people gave BULLER, METHUEN and their other Generals who proved failures in South Africa. The President is certainly growing smooth with words. He apologizes for trusts and gives them his administrative endorsement by saying that the recent election records the unquestioned endorsement of "industrial independence." Which means that he understands the people to have voted away all rights to object to the extortions of trusts. The Philadelphia Inquirer is unique in its field. It gives President McKINLEY credit for the recent rafting flood on the West Branch of the Susquehanna. If, as the Inquirer intimates, all that was needed was McKINLEY's kindly aid to bring about a flood we imagine the Williamsport lumbermen are anything but grateful for a blessing that might have started up their idle mills months ago. The twenty-second child has been born to a Bloomsburg couple and in mentioning the advent of the last member of this very numerous family an exchange says: "Both mother and child are doing well." We are constrained to observe that the father ought to have been included in the "doing well" part of it. In fact, he seems to be doing about as well as any fellow we have ever heard of. Republican newspapers all over the country are poking fun at the Hon. WEBSTER DAVIS and Senator WELLINGTON, who left their party in the past campaign because they did not believe its policy to be an American one. The gentlemen concerned will not be ill at ease over such badinage, since they both have the courage of their convictions, which is more than can be said of some of those who rail at them. District Attorney-elect W. I. SWOOPER, of Clearfield, is one of the instructors at the Snyder county teachers institute this week and on Tuesday night he lectured on "How to Kick." BILLY knows all about it too. His greatest kick was made when he was editing the Raysman's Journal. After spending three days on a two column leader urging county boys not to leave the farm the only comment made on it was made by a little paper up at Falls Creek that facetiously observed that the editor of the Journal had "evidently discovered his own mistake too late." BILLY kicked then and he had a right to. There seems to have been some trouble about the President's Thanksgiving turkey. HORACE VOZ, of Westerly, R. I., purveyor of turkeys to the White House, was a little late in shipping his 31 lb. bird and Dr. TREXLER, of Kutztown, Pa., came to the rescue with a fine Pennsylvania specimen, which the President accepted and now that the Rhode Island turkey is on hand there is said to be much worry about the White House. This is the first case of a real full dinner pail that we have heard of since the election. Of course it wasn't McKINLEY that closed down the stone quarries in this section last week so far as the ballast business is concerned, and threw a large number of laborers out of employment, who had regular and paying work before the election. Oh, no! His administration of affairs had nothing to do with that. But wait until next spring, when the railroads will want more ballast and men will be put to work to get it out, and see how quickly their getting jobs will be credited to Republican prosperity.

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Republicans Are Frank Now.

In his speech at the Union League banquet on Saturday evening President McKINLEY said: "We may differ as to the issues involved, but we are all agreed as to certain things which it settled. It records the unquestioned endorsement of the gold standard, industrial independence, broader markets, commercial expansion, reciprocal trade the open door in China, the inviolability of public faith, the independence and authority of the judiciary and peace and beneficent government under American sovereignty in the Philippines. On Friday evening Mr. GEO. R. FLINT, president of the rubber trust and an officer in various other trusts in an address before the Outlook club at Mont Clair, New Jersey, declared: "As constitutional scientific government has come to supplant the feudal system, so the 'consolidation era' in business has come to supplant the old system. And this new 'consolidation era' has come to stay. Let no young man think otherwise. That fact was settled in our recent presidential election. The justice and wisdom of combination in business, the 'trust,' was as distinct an issue as the single standard, and it was as emphatically ratified by the people. These distinguished gentlemen have grown frank since the election. Before that event the President was vehement in his declarations, which were made with remarkable frequency, that the Philippine question was in no respect in issue in the campaign. The intention is, he said, to pacify the archipelago and then give the people as large a measure of self-government as they are capable of exercising. Now he pipes a different tune, however. The election has renewed his lease of office and he frankly expresses his purposes which is to give the people of the islands, beneficent government under American sovereignty. Of course the President will determine what government is beneficent, as he will also decide what measure of self-government they are capable of exercising. It is a game of confidence in any event. Before the election the effort was to trick the people into a belief in McKINLEY's patriotism and sincerity. Now it is to beguile them into an acquiescence in his schemes of empire under the pretense that he is authorized to such a course by the popular vote at the election. But he carries no such commission. The vote was in favor of commercialism, but not of empire. Mr. FLINT is just as wide of the mark in his statement of the case. The trust question was an issue in the campaign but Mr. FLINT and every other Republican orator and leader denied the fact at the time, MARK HANNA, chairman of the Republican National Committee going so far as to declare there are no trusts in this broad land. In that way thousands of men who abhor trusts were induced to vote for McKINLEY and the claim now that such voting, under such circumstances, is an endorsement of trusts is as immoral as watering the stocks of corporations to create the trusts and defraud the public. No man understands this better than Mr. GEO. R. FLINT, who is the keenest, as well as the most rapacious, of all the trust magnates of the country. If a vote were taken on the question of endorsing or condemning the trusts the majority against the unjust combinations would be overwhelming in every section of the Union. They are agencies for despoiling the people, and no intelligent men will vote into the hands of a combination of corporation sharks the power to rob them.

Can a Constitutional Senatorial Apportionment be Made?

The easiest job the Legislature will have on hand, at its next meeting, will not be the making of a senatorial apportionment. Congressional and legislative apportionments can be made, provided factional, political, and personal interests can be cared for, but in dividing the State into senatorial districts, in addition to all the selfish interests that must be considered, if a new division is to be made, there are constitutional requirements and prohibitions which render this legislation extremely difficult. In fact, under a literal construction of the organic law we doubt if a constitutional senatorial apportionment can be made at all. In the first place the constitution requires that districts shall be "of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as may be and that each district shall be entitled to elect one Senator." It fixes how the ratio shall be obtained. It prohibits the division of counties, unless entitled to two or more Senators, and declares that no county shall form a separate district unless it has a population in excess of one-half of a ratio. And in these two prohibitions is where the trouble comes in. The ratio upon which the senatorial apportionment must be based will be 128,042. On this basis Lancaster, Dauphin, Schuylkill and Berks will each be entitled to but one Senator and neither of these can be divided. They surround Lebanon county with a population of but 53,827, or ten thousand less than one-half of a ratio. What then is to be done with Lebanon? To attach it to either of the adjoining counties would increase the population of either above the limits required for two Senators. Under the Constitution no district can have two Senators, nor can a county too small for two Senators be divided; consequently it cannot be attached to either for the purpose of making a double district, nor can a part of either of them be attached to Lebanon to make a single district. It is not "contiguous" to any other county, and it is absolutely prohibited a Senator of its own, because its population is less than one-half ratio. There are constitutional lawyers in the State. Possibly they can point a way that would not require a violation of the provision of the constitution by the Legislature while trying to comply with other provisions of the same instrument, that require this work to be done. If they can they should come to the front at once and explain how this can be done. If they cannot, will not this fact furnish an excellent excuse for a refusal to make any apportionment, on the part of those who want an excuse for such refusal? Mark Hanna's Colossal Cant. The cant of that arch hypocrite and charlatan MARK HANNA, was never quite so clearly revealed as in an interview given by him to the last press Sunday. Asked what he has to be thankful for, he replied: "I am thankful that this country has enjoyed such wonderful prosperity during the last four years under the wise and able administration of our great President, WILLIAM McKINLEY. I am thankful that we have just come victoriously through a great campaign. I am thankful that our success in that campaign assures to the people of this country at least four more years of unequal prosperity and I am, above all else, thankful to the all-seeing Providence above that permitted us to win our glorious victory." What arrant and disgusting cant that is. What, for example, had "the all-seeing Providence above" to do with the election of McKINLEY to the Presidency? That result was achieved by the most nefarious practices ever known in the history of politics in this country. By bribery, perjury, subornation of perjury, ballot-box stuffing, coercion of voters and every other form of crime that could be employed the result was compassed, and the ascribing it to an all-seeing Providence above, even by so arrant a charlatan as MARK HANNA, is an insult to the intelligence of the people and an outrage on the Christian spirit of the country. An all-seeing Providence has no partnership with such men or in such a business. Senator HANNA has a right to be thankful for the re-election of President McKINLEY because it renews his lease of power, acquired by bribery, to control the legislation of Congress and direct the operations of the Executive Department of the government for four years. But it doesn't assure the people of this country "four more years of unequal prosperity," and MARK HANNA doesn't care a rap whether the people have prosperity or adversity before them. It assures the trusts four years more of uninterrupted control of the public utilities and all sources of supply of the necessities of life, and it guarantees Mr. HANNA millions of unearned dollars, which he will secure through the ship subsidy bill and other legislation of kindred character.

Time to Drop It.

General DANIEL E. SICKLES, of New York, and twenty or thirty other veterans of the Civil War, called on the President on Monday to congratulate him on his reelection. The call was by appointment, according to the press dispatches, and the gentlemen were received in the library. Several of the visitors were Democrats, we are assured on the same authority, and General SICKLES, who was spokesman of the occasion, as he usually is, said "they were patriots first, as they were in '61." The General continued that the veterans asked for nothing but added that they had ranged themselves on the side of their old comrade at the polls, and "an acknowledgement in some public way of the services rendered, would be highly appreciated." There could be nothing more appropriate than this friendly call of the grizzled veterans on the President to congratulate him on the distinguished honor that had been bestowed on him by the people, and no doubt comrade McKINLEY appreciated it quite as fully as he professed to. It is no doubt true, likewise, that all of the gentlemen in the group during the campaign just closed "ranged themselves on the side of their old comrade." There were thousands of veterans, just as patriotic, equally as brave and altogether as unselfish who ranged themselves on the opposite side of the political contest, but naturally they would not be of the company begging "an acknowledgement in some public way of the service rendered." But it ought to occur to General DANIEL E. SICKLES that it is about time for him to drop that claim which he so unctuously rolls under his tongue, that he is a Democrat. SICKLES may have been a Democrat once, but it was long ago, and it may be doubted if he was a very good Democrat even then. He was a fairly courageous but never a very intelligent soldier, and is entitled to the honor which belongs to a veteran with an empty trouser leg, but in politics he has been a mercenary from the beginning. After the war he left the Democratic party for the consideration of an office and when the Republican party got tired of baiting him in that way he came back. Four years ago he returned to the Republican party and in that and the recent campaign out-herded Herod in zeal for the ticket. No doubt he expects his reward now and he is using the veterans who were with him on Monday as stool pigeons or stepping stones upon which to walk into a snug berth. An Outrage Imminent. The indications are that the steamship subsidy bill will be the pet measure of the administration in the coming session of Congress. The Pacific canal bill, the Nicaragua canal bill, the River and Harbor bill and half a dozen other bills which will be considered, have "good stealing" in them, but the steamship subsidy bill will go almost directly into the pockets of Senator HANNA, and he claims it as his reward for the labors of two campaigns for McKINLEY. The steel trust has been recompensed for its contribution to the corruption fund with the armor plate contract and other trusts are certain of substantial rewards. But HANNA has had nothing satisfactory and McKINLEY would be ungrateful if he failed to aid him in forcing his favorite measure through Congress. The steamship subsidy bill is the most atrocious measure that has ever been presented in Congress. It was conceived in infamy and brought forth in sin. It proposes to take \$270,000,000 out of the treasury and present it to a trust, organized for the purpose of receiving it. It is pretended that the purpose is to equalize the cost of building ships in this country and elsewhere. As a matter of fact, however, ships can be built cheaper here than anywhere else in the world. This is proved by the records, which show that in every competition for work in war or merchant shipbuilding, open to the world, American builders have won. It is also pretended that there is a difference in the wages of men employed on American ships, as compared with those of other nations. But they all secure their help in the same market and that claim must, therefore, be false. There is no excuse for this robbery of the treasury. If those who favor it make up a purse out of their own means to present to the steamship trust there will be no complaint, for they have a right to do as they please with their own money. But they are using other people's money in this magnificent act of benevolence to Mr. HANNA and that is a crime under the law. Congress is authorized to appropriate funds out of the treasury to pay the expenses of the government, economically administered, but for no other purpose. This act proposes to appropriate money to discharge political obligations and that is a violation of the constitution as well as every principle of justice. But the administration is committed to the outrage, and it will be perpetrated.

Deserving of Our Fullest Sympathy.

The pro-British papers in this country attempt to belittle the significance of President Kruger's reception in France by alleging the French are a "mercenary people" intimating their welcome to Kruger is no more to be taken into account than a furor over a great actor or actress. This is a big mistake. The French people may be emotional, but in this case of the Transvaal President the emotion rests on a solid basis of appreciating right and wrong—national virtues and national crimes. If Kruger should come to this country his reception by the American people would far outstrip the French in their demonstrations of sympathy for the great hero of the conquered republics. They did so Kossuth visited the United States after Austria and Austria united and succeeded in conquering Hungary. From the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi the progress of Kossuth was one of the grandest ever witnessed in this country, and recalled the welcome to Lafayette on his last visit to the United States. Pittsburg never excelled in her late receptions to noted visitors the welcome she gave to Kossuth the winter of 1850. The mass of the people, and particularly the clergy and the women, were conspicuous in the enthusiastic demonstrations in honor of the Hungarian and his romantic following. They also subscribed money liberally for the Hungarian cause. The conditions represented by President Kruger are even more entitled to sympathy and honor than those which Kossuth stood for. The Boer Republics were modeled after our own institutions, and the war for their suppression is even more cruel and atrocious than was the attempt of the British to conquer the colonists in the war of 1776. It is natural there should be great sympathy for the South Africans, both in the United States and France, for both are inhabited by liberty-loving people. The sympathy manifested in Europe and America may be a practical fruit, but on the other hand it may influence the anti-war feeling that is gaining ground in England, as the cost is being reckoned, and secure more humane conditions for the conquered people. The situation in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State is simply terrible. A policy of devastation and oppression has been pursued. Later advices represent the formation of syndicates to buy up the desolated farms in the two Republics, from which the Boers have been driven, and sell them to immigrants on favorable terms. The confiscation of private property, as well as the destruction of public rights follows the British flag. The homes of the Boers, prisoners in Ceylon and St. Helena, have been burned, their women and children and old men are to be handled as Weyler used the reconquered in Cuba, while their vacant and deserted farms are to be made objects of syndicate speculation. It is the Unexpected that Often Happens. From the New York Tribune. "Has Mr. Bryan the political fibre—the staying qualities as a candidate and statesman—to warrant the belief that he will be a candidate for President the third time?" This question was addressed to Colonel Henry Watterson, of Louisville, at Fifth Avenue Hotel recently. Mr. Watterson expostulated good-naturedly against being held up for an interview, but when the Philistines refused quarter he said: "Four years is a generation in American politics. Two hours before James K. Polk was nominated for the presidency he was a weak candidate for Vice President. Two years before Franklin Pierce was nominated he was practically unknown to the American people. Two years before Abraham Lincoln was nominated he had not had his debates with Douglas, and he had not been heard of outside of Illinois. Two years before Samuel J. Tilden was nominated he was a plain citizen right over here in Gramercy Park. Two years before Cleveland was nominated he was Mayor of Buffalo. When Harrison was nominated he was supposed to have died politically two years before, on his retirement from the United States Senate. With almost the single exception of General Grant, the candidates for the Presidency have been held up for an interview, but when Colonel Watterson, as he turned to go, "I say that four years is a generation to American politicians." Will Now Tax the People to Build Up What They Destroyed. From the Philadelphia Record. With the beginning of the Republican party began the decline of the merchant marine of the United States engaged in international trade. In 1890 this nation stood second in this vast field of maritime traffic. To-day the ocean tonnage is only a little greater than it was a hundred years ago. The thirteen original States have 28 per cent. less tonnage than they had in 1800. Having destroyed a great self-built industry by restrictive legislation, the Republican leaders now propose to restore it by turning it over, crippled and pauperized as it is, to be nursed into strength by a system of enforced alms-giving. It is Different Now You Know. From the Clearfield Republican. When the chief executive of a great State like Pennsylvania is so subservient to a corrupt political machine that he offers common pleas judgeships for Quay votes in the Legislature, there should not be surprise anywhere over the fact that people of the Keystone State have lost about all the respect they ever had for our judiciary: In the days of Black, Sharswood, Gibson, Trunkley, the Woodwards and Burnsides such offers would have been spurned with contempt and the power offering then driven from place by an indignant public. May Her Son Never Set. From the Philadelphia Times. "Since it is calculated by the end of this year the American ben will have contributed 13,000,000,000 eggs to national prosperity. May her son never set is only an expression of proper regard.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The Benton Argus has been sold to A. H. Edgar, of Bloomsburg, and Percy Bennington, of Benton. Howard S. Shade, of Lancaster, aged 82 years, died from lockjaw, by a new shoe rubbing his heel. The census bureau refuses to permit the publication of the census returns of Lancaster county by districts. The Window Glass Flatteners' Association will amalgamate with the blowers' gatherers and cutters' unions. Grand Army men of Pittsburg have started a movement to have the National Encampment of 1901 held there. By the accidental explosion of a friend's gun while hunting on Saturday last Isaac Dobler, of Williamsport, lost a foot. An effort will be made in the next session of the Legislature to pass a bill to pension public school teachers after 20 years' service. Fearing pursuit by ghosts Mrs. Sarah Toner jumped from a third story window near Pittsburg Saturday and suffered probably fatal injuries. A brick plant will be erected at Drury's Run, near Renovo, with a capital stock of \$300,000, and will employ between two and three hundred men. The new county insane asylum, near Lancaster, erected at a cost of \$40,000, will in a few days be turned over to the Board of Poor directors by the contractor. Two cases of smallpox have been discovered at Steelton in a family which recently came from Colorado. Strict quarantine of the premises has been established. The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, near Pennsburg, Bucks county, celebrated its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary with appropriate exercises on Sunday. Bears were never known to be so plentiful in the Pine Creek region. No less than four have been killed within a radius of one mile of Tidiaghton the last few days. All kinds of game are plentiful. S. C. Wilson, of Tyrone, claims to have invented an appliance that prevents the safety pin from withdrawing from the improved car couplers, which can be put on the couplers at very little expense to manufacturers. Ariel H. Jackson, of Reading, a veteran of the Civil War, has an old oak chair which he claims was owned by Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America. Mr. Jackson secured the chair while cruising in the West Indies. There is a movement on foot to form a Women's Auxiliary to the labor unions of Reading, which shall include the wives and daughters of the members of the local unions. They will not deal with stores discriminating against union labor. About 15,000 turkeys have been shipped from Indiana county during the past week. Last Friday alone the shipments amounted to nearly 10,000. A large number of chickens and ducks are also being shipped. Most of the poultry was sent to eastern markets. A few days ago Leonidas Smith, of near Muncy, Lycoming county, entered the kitchen from his dining room and saw a wild cat there. Mr. Smith closed the door, and after a hard battle succeeded in killing the animal with a club. How the cat got into the kitchen is not known. The State Department will in a few days be asked to charter a company which, capitalized at \$300,000, will engage on a large scale in the manufacture of firebrick at a new plant to be erected at Drury's Run, where 1000 acres of raw material have been leased. The parties interested are mostly citizens of Lock Haven. Twenty million feet of logs lying between Lock Haven and Keating will be brought into the boom on a race caused by the recent rains, and the saw mills, which have been idle all season on account of a lack of logs, will be kept running until a freeze up occurs. This will make Williamsport the busiest city in the State for the next two months. Mrs. Rosanna Exton, of Westmoreland county, has been awarded \$3,100 by the Pennsylvania Railroad company for injuries received while alighting from a train at Larimer. Last June Mrs. Exton boarded a train at Biddle. In attempting to alight at Larimer she was thrown under the wheels and maimed for life. Her left leg was ground off below the knee and her collar bone and shoulder blade was fractured. The Sharon Boiler Company of Sharon Mercer county, has received a request from Leeds, England, for prices on the erection of three large iron smoke stacks, the smallest eight feet in diameter and the largest 14 feet in diameter and 100 feet high, at Buenos Ayres, South America. The inquiry came over 3,000 miles for work to be done, and material and tools must be transported 6,000 miles. With a view of getting into the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania the Western Maryland Railroad has a corp of engineers making a preliminary survey for a railroad from Cherry Run, W. Va., through the southwestern portion of Fulton county, to Everett, Bedford county. Coal having been found near the projected line, an opportunity is thus afforded of consuming their plans in this direction. Mrs. Frank A. Garrison, of Williamsport, was operated on in that city Friday for appendicitis. When the appendix was cut open a badly corroded pin was found therein. It is supposed that Mrs. Garrison swallowed the pin a long time ago. It had entered the appendix at the opening and had started to work its way out at the other end, when the point of the pin caused the irritation that made the operation necessary. A charter has been issued at the state department at Harrisburg to the Huntingdon and Clearfield Telephone Company, with a nominal capital of \$1,000. The directors are C. M. Gage, B. F. Africa, G. Chalport, W. H. Henderson, Huntingdon; B. F. Meyers, George B. Stucker, Harrisburg; W. D. Barnard, F. M. Green, Philadelphia; W. H. Denlinger, Patton; E. F. Kerr, Thomas R. Eichelberger, Bedford; C. H. Ritchie, Everett; J. F. Helfenstein, Shamokin; Thomas H. Murray, Allison; O. Smith, Clearfield. The company announces its purpose to build a telephone line through the counties of Bedford, Fulton, Huntingdon, Blair, Centre, Clearfield and Cambria.