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Before the Legislature met... Uncle Day would have had... That Mr. Thompson's stinky-dink... Good morning! How do you like the twentieth century?... It don't matter much now which way THOMPSON turns a political buzz saw is sure to meet him... ALLISON did just as every body expected he would... The last heat in the chinning match in Washington began on Thursday... The frosty man is like the frosty weather... It is a difficult matter to tell the difference between a twentieth century jag, and a hold over nineteenth century one... Many New Year's resolutions that were supposed to be good for all time on Tuesday are already too weak to sit up and take nourishment... There is still plenty to interest the politicians at Harrisburg... Some people had hopes that twentieth century Republicanism would be a betterment of the nineteenth century kind... Was your dinner full and your year of happiness running over on New Year's morning... The Stalwarts have organized the House of Representatives by electing PIPELINE MARSHALL speaker... It looks as if LEO, WAGONSLELLER and MANEAR will be given a rest... New York is fussing about Tammany rule again... There are a great many Republicans in Centre county who felt like going out behind the barn and kicking themselves... Kidnapping is to be made a capital punishment crime in Nebraska... The Kentucky farmer who found a sweet little baby at his back door... ARMOUR, the Chicago millionaire meat packer, will doubtless take a little of the freshness out of the salt truck...

Begging for Philadelphia Already... A committee styling itself the 'Joint Executive Committee' on the Improvement of the Harbor of Philadelphia is on hand already with its appeal to the Legislature for an appropriation from the State... For years the business interests of Philadelphia have been begging that the people of the State be required to furnish means to put the Delaware river in navigable condition... It, in addition to the sum the general government is donating yearly for this purpose, it will cost, say \$10,000,000, Philadelphia should put up \$9,000,000 of this amount, and then its people could consistently ask the tax payers of the State to furnish the remaining \$1,000,000... During the past three Presidential elections, these interests have furnished more money to corrupt voters and debauch elections than would have paid one half of all that it will cost to both deepen and straighten the channel of the Delaware from the breakwater up to Cramp's ship yard... Surely the business people of that city who can come to the front with \$800,000 for a single campaign should be amply able to open business high-ways to their own doors... Senator Washburn's Perfidy... The perfidious desertion of his party by Senator WASHBURN, of Crawford county, is the startling incident of the senatorial contest thus far revealed... The information comes from Washington that the atrocious ship subsidy bill will be side tracked in a day or two after the re-assembling of Congress and will be held over until the next Congress comes in with an increased Republican majority in both houses... The steamship subsidy bill is so bold a robbery of the treasury that even Senator HANNA was unable to force it upon his colleagues... English and American Papers... Mr. ALBERT HARMSWORTH, editor of the London Daily News, is on a visit to this country, and with characteristic 'London assurance,' he has undertaken to teach all the American newspaper editors and proprietors how to edit newspapers... Singing Another Tune... It was with high glee that the employees of the Highland-Worsted Mills in North Camden, N. J., voted for McKinley and the fall dinner pail, but it was with sad hearts that within two weeks after the election they found the doors of the mill locked and their faces... Singing Another Tune... It was with high glee that the employees of the Highland-Worsted Mills in North Camden, N. J., voted for McKinley and the fall dinner pail, but it was with sad hearts that within two weeks after the election they found the doors of the mill locked and their faces...

New Political Judases... The Legislature organized on Tuesday by the election of Hon. WILLIAM P. SNYDER, of Chester county, as president pro tem. of the Senate and Hon. WILLIAM T. MARSHALL, of Pittsburgh, as Speaker of the House... General ALGER protests that General MILES falsely accused the War Department of supplying the troops in Cuba during the progress of the Santiago campaign with rotten meat rations... The atrocious influences which guided these political perverts to the base course they pursued will probably never be admitted nor the exact price of their treachery be known... The story that Germany is negotiating again for the purchase of the Danish West India Islands may safely be interpreted as a masked statement that the United States government is again preparing public sentiment for another outrage in the name of expansion... That is all rubbish and only the most credulous will be deceived by it... The single exception was when during the war Napoleon III of France undertook to set an Austrian Prince named Maximilian up in business as King in Mexico... The information comes from Washington that the atrocious ship subsidy bill will be side tracked in a day or two after the re-assembling of Congress and will be held over until the next Congress comes in with an increased Republican majority in both houses... The steamship subsidy bill is so bold a robbery of the treasury that even Senator HANNA was unable to force it upon his colleagues... English and American Papers... Mr. ALBERT HARMSWORTH, editor of the London Daily News, is on a visit to this country, and with characteristic 'London assurance,' he has undertaken to teach all the American newspaper editors and proprietors how to edit newspapers... Singing Another Tune... It was with high glee that the employees of the Highland-Worsted Mills in North Camden, N. J., voted for McKinley and the fall dinner pail, but it was with sad hearts that within two weeks after the election they found the doors of the mill locked and their faces... Singing Another Tune... It was with high glee that the employees of the Highland-Worsted Mills in North Camden, N. J., voted for McKinley and the fall dinner pail, but it was with sad hearts that within two weeks after the election they found the doors of the mill locked and their faces...

Hold but Unwise Alger... Ex-Secretary of War RUSSEL A. ALGER publishes in the current number of the North American Review a most interesting article on the question of embalmed beef and the average reader will estimate his courage as far beyond his discretion... A Good Thing To Try... From the Philadelphia Times... The young Democrats of every county in Pennsylvania should take heart and example from the Young Men's Democratic Association of West Chester, which, undaunted by defeat, maintains its organization and adds to its numbers between elections... Scheme of the Land Grabbers... The story that Germany is negotiating again for the purchase of the Danish West India Islands may safely be interpreted as a masked statement that the United States government is again preparing public sentiment for another outrage in the name of expansion... Life a Century Ago... One hundred years ago a man could not take a ride on a steamboat... Progressing Backwards... How are we 'progressing backwards' in the Philippines is shown with painful clearness by the report of the Secretary of War... Singing Another Tune... It was with high glee that the employees of the Highland-Worsted Mills in North Camden, N. J., voted for McKinley and the fall dinner pail, but it was with sad hearts that within two weeks after the election they found the doors of the mill locked and their faces... Singing Another Tune... It was with high glee that the employees of the Highland-Worsted Mills in North Camden, N. J., voted for McKinley and the fall dinner pail, but it was with sad hearts that within two weeks after the election they found the doors of the mill locked and their faces...

Spawls from the Keystone... A premature blast Monday badly lacerated the hand of Wm. Gruver, near Shippenburg... Deaf and dumb George Dann, of Conshohocken, was killed by a train at Lafayette Monday... Ex-Prothonotary John C. Westbrook and wife, of Stroudsburg, Monday celebrated their golden wedding... His clothing catching fire at an open grate, the 2-year-old son of Warren Russell, of Orangeville, was burned to death... Five members of the family of Henry Ames, of Erie, narrowly escaped asphyxiation by escaping coal gas Monday... Mine Inspector Brennan, of the Seventh anthracite district, reports four fatal and eight non-fatal accidents for December... Thirty-two marriage licenses were granted at Wilkesbarre Monday, breaking the record by 15 for a single day's business... Blooming and finishing mill employees of the National Steel company, at Sharon, have accepted a wage reduction of 10 per cent... Governor Stone Monday appointed Geo. A. Walker, of Emporium, Associate Judge of Cameron county, vice J. C. Bonham resigned... Charles D. Becker, of Huntingdon, an employe of the Pennsylvania railroad company, slipped on the track in front of an approaching fast passenger train and was instantly killed... Robert Robinson, of DuBois, boarded an Allegheny Valley passenger train Saturday morning at DuBois, of which place he was resident. Before he reached Reynoldsville, he was a corpse, heart failure being the cause of his death... Edward Hamberger, of Flemington, Clinton county, was found dead, hanging in his barn Christmas evening. Despondency over ill health and the fear that a half sister would get the greater portion of his dead father's estate was the cause. He was 41 years old... Rumors are afloat that the New York Central intends to run the Beech Creek as a separate division with A. G. Palmer as superintendent; also that G. R. Brown was recently offered the position of superintendent, which he held under the Fall Brook, but that he had reasons for not accepting... In pursuance of its plan to re-equip the road, the Philadelphia & Reading Railway company has let contracts which in the aggregate amount to over \$2,500,000. Two thousand and thirty new cars have been ordered; a large proportion of them of the pressed steel class that has lately come into use... The Petersburg cut-off, the new extension of the Pennsylvania railroad from Williamsport to Petersburg, is rapidly nearing completion. All that remains to be done is the construction of the bridge, the work on it having been delayed by the difficulty in getting structural steel. The road will likely be put in operation about January 15th. It passes through and will likely open up one of the greatest limestone fields in that section of the State... During Professor John Dunmyer's dance class at Johnstown, Saturday night, the gayeties were suddenly ended by a tragic death in the ball room. Miss Mary Broderick, one of the gayest dancers of the evening, was suddenly noticed to grow faint and reel. Medical aid was called but the young lady died almost instantly in the hands of several of her friends. Heart disease, superinduced by over-exertion, is given as the cause. Miss Broderick was 25 years old... The body of W. Irvin Shaw, Esq., the recently appointed Consul General to Singapore, who committed suicide in Philadelphia on Christmas morning, was interred in Clearfield Friday afternoon from the residence of the sister of the deceased, and was conducted by the Clearfield Bar Association, of which Mr. Shaw was a member. His wife and two little sons were hoisting at State College at the time of his death. They were to remain there while he returned to Baranquilla to settle up his affairs preparatory to take charge at Singapore... Coroner William Goehrig's investigation into the death of Miss Anna Mariah Lynn, who was found dead on the floor of her little home, in South Williamsport Saturday evening, disclosed a pathetic story. Miss Lynn, who was 72 years of age, doubtless died of a broken heart because her condition changed from one of comparative wealth to one dependent upon the poor authorities. A year ago through bad investment, she lost \$10,000 which she had inherited. She soon became dependent on charity, and a sister who found her dead Saturday evening testified that the old woman had died of a broken heart... State Secretary of Agriculture John Hamilton has given out some interesting figures concerning tuberculosis among cattle in Pennsylvania. During the past year, according to the report of State Veterinary Leonard Pearson, which he is about to make public, the number of cattle tested for the disease was 9,274 of which 1,227 were killed. The amount paid to owners of the infected animals was \$28,339.50, or an average of \$23.10 a head. Secretary Hamilton says that when the present law went into effect four years ago, twenty-five of the herds examined were found to be more or less infected, while now not ten per cent. of the herds examined have the disease. The law provides that not more than \$25 a head can be paid for ordinary cattle and not more than \$50 a head for registered stock... On the 21st of November last a coat neatly folded was found along the mill race at Union Furnace, but as no one identified the garment as belonging to anyone, no further account was taken of it. Saturday of the wheels that furnish power for the power establishments there, became clogged and the race was drawn off, which developed that a stick had gotten into the wheel and prevented it from moving. But the drawing of the water from the channel left the bottom visible, and a short distance from the mouth of the race the dead body of a man was discovered nearly buried in the mud. It is supposed the dead man is George Kelly, as a book containing that name was found in the pocket of the coat, and containing also the information that he was a member of the cigar maker's union of Virginia...