

—Wages and volcanoes both seem to be on the rise.

—In a few weeks more it will be entirely proper to refer to him as postscript STONE.

—As the recognized national bird, Mr. EAGLE will now retire for a few days in favor of Mr. TURKEY.

—Evidently there must be a hitch somewhere. We have not heard of a new war in South America for three days.

—Chicago's newest paper is called Fuel. Whether the kind that requires poking to make it hot has not yet been demonstrated.

—The Kansas city patient who killed his doctor simply showed his belief in the necessity of a reversal of the usual order in the killing process.

—Under a recent arrangement between London theatre managers upper-tendom in that city will be compelled to take its chances with other people in securing preferred seats. Oh, 'ow 'orrible!

—Pennsylvania is a great State, and outside of its two big ring-rules, repeater-ridden cities is Democratic by 11,240 according to the recent elections. Really there is, after all a "balm in Gilead."

—The great trouble Mr. DALZELL's friends are meeting in their efforts to make him Speaker, is, to convince the other fellows that the capacity of a CANNON is not to be judged by the noise it makes.

—Our thankfulness that the meeting of Congress is yet three weeks distant, takes on the appearance of a funeral smile when we remember that we have still six weeks of the STONE administration to endure.

—And now it is said that the gubernatorial microbes has found a lodgment in the brain of Congressman-elect DRESSER. Really it is wonderful the lack of judgment some diseases show when in search of a victim.

—The great sorrow that now sits so heavily on the hearts of Republican protectionists is the fear that the old CANNON, most likely to be first on the firing line of the next Congress, may go off at half-tough on the tariff question.

—Since the elections are over Mr. ROOSEVELT's "war on trusts" seems to have lost the strenuousness of its volubility, and to be rapidly nearing a condition of innocuous desuetude. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the expiring cause.

—Oh, no. Mr. QUAY did not plead the statutes of limitation this time to avoid the penalty for violating the Civil Service-law. He didn't need to. He had faith in the limitation of the efforts of those who are supposed to enforce the law, and that faith was not in vain.

—After all benevolent assimilation has proven a winner. Down in Delaware it has assimilated Gassy ADDICKS and Strenuous ROOSEVELT to such an extent that they can't tell one from t'other when it comes to shaking the plum tree or lading out the spoils of offices.

—Twenty-nine of Pennsylvania's sixty-seven counties gave Democratic majorities on the 4th inst. Get 'off that long face Democrats, and have faith in the final triumph of right. You don't appreciate how well you have done, barin' the stay-at-homes, and the frauds that overwhelmed you.

—Since their endorsement of "Oleo" BILL, the farmers of Pennsylvania are entitled to the front of the stage to explain why "any old grease" should be prohibited passing as the real product of the cow. Possibly their elucidation of this question will show more consistency than did their votes.

—Republicanism must have been the same three thousand years ago. It might not have called itself the Republican party and it might not have been QUAY who was its boss, but it was on hand all the same and must have been close akin to the enemy of the present day. Else how would SOLOMON have known that when "the wicked are multiplying transgressions increase."

—"If we haven't swept them out of existence we have at least held our own," is the way one of our Republican exchanges puts it. And come to think about it we guess it is about correct. In fact we can't recall a single repeater-ridden city or a community in which the tough and the criminal disports himself unmolested that didn't stick closer to Republicanism than a birdcock burr does to a cow's tail.

—Great indignation is said to have been aroused over the fact that the old Philadelphia school board, that stands accused of extorting money for securing positions for teachers, is at the front of the Republican procession again and propose continuing business at the old stand. This may be so, but the trouble with Philadelphia indignation is, that it never seems to indignate when it would do any good.

—Remembering the awful travail of soul there was among those who filled the pulpits of the country when Elder ROBERTS claimed a seat in Congress, a couple of years ago, one might expect to see a ministerial army already on the march to prevent the election of Apostle SMOOT to the United States Senator. There is great probability, however, of the discovery later, that in the estimation of these brothers Mormonism is a crime only when its members refuse to vote the Republican ticket.

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Hope for Better Things.

All sorts of reforms are talked of in connection with the next legislature and some are even hoped for but it requires a strong measure of optimism to expect any.

The present senatorial apportionment was bad enough in the beginning but has grown worse as it has grown older.

As an evidence of the enormity of the present law it may be mentioned that Lancaster county with a population of 159,241 has two Senators while Berks with a population of 159,615 has only one.

The Games Too Big.

It is early in the game but we enter our protest now. "Raising" the wages of the rail-roads was all right. They needed and deserved it and the "pot" will be none too large when they "take it in."

Foolish But Dangerous Talk.

The threat of Governor ODELL of New York that certain members of a labor organization in Schenectady, in that State, would be put on trial for treason would be amusing if it were not so grave a matter.

Labor unionists are under no obligation to join the National Guard but if they do voluntarily attach themselves to the body they are bound to fulfill the obligations.

But to expel a member of the National Guard from a labor organization is not treason. The constitution of the United States defines treason as levying war against the United States or giving them aid or comfort.

Mr. ROOSEVELT's recent experience with BEARS, should teach him that the place to find the one not afraid of a President, is in Pennsylvania.

Tariff-Mongers Frightened.

The tariff-mongers of the country are in a state of consternation over the prospects of tariff reform by the next Congress.

Immediately after the election announcement was made that Mr. CANNON would be a candidate for the Speakership. He is what is called a "moderate protectionist," but has no sympathy with the aburdly high schedules of the DINGLEY law.

The action of the Wisconsin delegation is interpreted, therefore, as an evidence of an alliance between CANNON and BABCOCK with the view of making such changes in the tariff schedules as appear to them desirable.

That Sunday Dinner.

The President is off on another haphazard excursion. This time he is hunting bear in the cane swamps of Mississippi.

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Centre county's corn crop, that is now about housed, will average but little over half a yield. While a few sections report a full crop, from many others the facts come that less than half a harvest was gathered, and much that was taken in was soft and almost worthless if placed upon the market.

Worse Than Any Southern Wrong.

It might be considerable of a job to convince the ordinary Republican that the apportionment bills in this State, that regulate the number of Congressmen, Senators and Representatives that each party may secure, are the most infamous and unfair that disgrace the statute books of any Commonwealth.

In the cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Allegheny the districts are so formed that the 102,236 Democratic voters, residing and paying taxes within them, cannot elect a single Congressman, or Senator.

Outside of the cities named the State is entitled to 149 members of the House at Harrisburg; to 38 Senators, and to 22 Representatives in Congress.

Is there a fair minded being within the limits of the Commonwealth who will stand up and say that apportionments that perpetuate this kind of a political wrong are fair or just in any way?

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—If there was nothing else gained by the deal between the Democrats and citizens of Pittsburg than the defeat of BILL MARSHALL, who so shamelessly disgraced the position of Speaker during the last session of the Legislature, that should be enough to secure it the approval of every decent citizen in the Commonwealth.

Philadelphia a Disgrace to the State and a By-Word to the Union.

From Harper's Weekly (Rep.)

Friends of honest government all over the United States will learn with profound regret the out-come of the election for Governor in Pennsylvania. It matters not whether the Democratic nominee for that office, ex-Governor Pattison, was or was not the strongest candidate that could have been selected by the Democratic party.

It should be remembered that in 1900, when Mr. Quay was a candidate for reelection to the United States Senate, he promised, in a public speech, that should the Republicans control the Legislature then about to be chosen, they would heartily co-operate in passing any equitable measure for ballot reform that might be propounded by the Democratic minority.

The hollowness of the pretense has been exposed by the fact that no report was made by the committee, and that accordingly no Republican member-elect of the Legislature has pledged himself to his constituents to uphold definite projects.

There seems to be no hope of redemption for Pennsylvania until shame and desperation shall provoke the whole body of voters in the State, outside of its chief city, to combine and heap an anti-Republican majority so huge that not even the scoundrels who manipulate ballot boxes in Philadelphia can manage to counteract it.

Where the Wage Increase Came in.

From the Harrisburg Star Independent. "A very practical illustration of the false claim that under Democratic administrations the laboring man's wages fall while under the Republican administrations they increase is shown in a recent exhibit of the pay-roll of the H. C. Frick Coke company. The wages of the employees of that company have been increased five times during the last seven years, and are now 50 per cent. higher than they were when the first increase was made.

Abile to Hold His Own.

From the Buffalo Courier. "As witness for the miners before the Coal Arbitration Commission, John Mitchell was again under cross-examination recently, and with all fairness can be said to have acquitted himself admirably. Mitchell unquestionably is a very bright man, able to maintain a battle of wits with the keenest of trained disputants.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Carlisle's town council has passed an ordinance imposing a fine of 50 cents on persons who spit on the sidewalks.

—The United Mine Workers' officials of the Ninth District at Shamokin have announced that \$480,000 was paid out for relief during the strike.

—Mrs. Jonathan Keck, of near Etna, Lehigh county, who will be 90 years old on the 19th of this month, husked corn for a half day on her son's farm.

—Mrs. Lavinda Noll, of Ruscomb Manor, raised the two largest radishes in Berks county, one being 2 feet 4 inches long and the other 28 1/2 inches in circumference.

—From a seventeen acre cornfield a Ship-pack, Montgomery county farmer took 1500 bushels of corn, filling three corn cribs, each 32 feet long, 4 1/2 feet wide and 7 feet high.

—In common with other railroads, the P. and E. line is suffering from a freight blockade. On Saturday there were 3,300 cars standing between Kenovo and Sunbury.

—Among the champion red beet growers, John D. Klopp, of Mount Aetna, Berks county, heads the list with a red beet 25 inches in circumference and weighing 11 1/2 pounds.

—Mrs. Emma Covey, of Zionville, is the champion parsnip raiser in Lehigh county, the largest ones measuring 15 inches in length 19 inches in circumference and weighing 5 1/2 pounds.

—Daniel Richard, of Fagleysville, Montgomery county, is the owner of a calf with two tails, one being at its proper place, the other being attached to the shoulder, at the base of the neck.

—The largest chestnut tree in Pennsylvania is standing in a field on the farm of Peter Bear, near Fogelsville, Lehigh county, being 70 feet high and measuring 26 1/2 feet in circumference.

—Judge Rice, of the Superior Court, who endured an operation for appendicitis at the Presbyterian hospital three weeks ago and who was on a far road to recovery, is now critically ill from pericarditis.

—Because his wife committed suicide a few years ago Adolph Lohde, aged 50, of East Pittsburg, on Tuesday, followed her example and sent a load of buckshot through his heart. He brooded for years over his wife's act.

—The freight congestion problem has grown so serious that the Pennsylvania railroad company is thinking of "shutting up shop" for a week; that is, refusing to receive any more freight for shipment to Pittsburg and points east.

—Clarence Trego, of Berwick, returned from a hunting trip in the Pocono Mountains with a catamount weighing over 40 pounds. The catamount made a jump for Trego, as soon as he saw the animal and it took six shots to kill the beast.

—William Hawn, of Mill Creek, a track-walker on the Pennsylvania railroad, was attacked on Monday night by two negroes, who, after robbing him of his watch and money, beat him so severely that he will probably die.

—Recent disruption in the Third brigade of the National Guard, which several days ago caused General Gobin to announce his intention of resigning, threaten to continue until almost every officer on the brigade staff has resigned.

—The Western Union Telegraph company has at last shown its hand, and instead of taking down its poles and wires along the Pennsylvania railroad it will on November 20th, make application to the United States court in Pittsburg for an injunction to restrain the railroad company from interfering with the poles and wires.

—The salary alone of the troops kept in the hard coal fields during the recent strike will exceed \$1,000,000. Transportation and supply accounts will largely increase this estimate. This is considerably in excess of the cost of sending the troops to Homestead during the great steel strike in 1892. The cost of the Homestead riot was about \$500,000.

—Statistics, gathered by the United Mine Workers from the Schuylkill region for presentation to the arbitration commission, shows that only four per cent. of the graduates of the local high schools are sons of miners. The wage rate shows on an average of \$385 per year for the mine workers, wages of laborers being included with the miners in the calculation.

—William Frank, a teamster, was the victim of a peculiar nitro-glycerine explosion a few days ago. While driving up a steep hill near Oil City he kicked a stone from under the wagon wheels. The stone rolled down the hill and struck a discharged glycerine can, producing an explosion. Driver and horse were knocked down, the former sustaining severe injuries. A hole 1 1/2 feet in diameter was torn in the ground.

—The postoffice at Falls Creek was burglarized last week, this being the fourth time that it has been robbed. The burglars secured \$160 in cash, stamps and the registered letters; in all about \$300. The safe was not blown open but the combination was pried off with a cold chisel. The post office department offers \$200 reward for the arrest of the thieves, who are supposed to be a quartette of well dressed men who were seen taking in the town the day before.

—Ray Young, aged 14 years, was accidentally and fatally shot at Quaker bridge on the West Branch railroad last week. The father of the boy was in the buggy and the young man threw his double barreled breech loading shot gun in the back part of the vehicle. The stock hit the seat and both barrels, which were pointing full at the young man, were discharged. His liver was shot away and a great hole was torn in his right side. He died about five hours later and was conscious up to the time of his death.

—The Pennsylvania railroad has now at work on the extension of the old Western Pennsylvania railroad a large force of men to complete the road from Red Bank to New Castle. The work is being rushed with all possible dispatch. The new line will prove of immense aid in relieving congestion. Eighteen miles of the new road having been let to Bennett & Smith, of Greensburg; Ryan & Hasset, of Rochester, N. Y., and the Broadhead Contracting company, of Butler. This portion of the line will connect the Desener and Lake Erie, Pittsburg and Western and