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The wall paper trust is about to collapse, although nobody even once called it an octopus.

The storm center of prevarication has shifted again. This time it is central in the region of Pekin.

You can bet that the next president of the United States will be called "Bill," without any fear of losing.

The Montour County Prohibitionists had to abandon their convention, which was to have been held in Danville, on Saturday, on account of poor attendance.

There has been a noticeable increase in the price of wheat this week, and a proportionate advance in flour. The former is bringing about 12 cents a bushel more than it did a week ago.

The pension department has ruled that "Any pensioner, the victim of strong drink and dissipated habits, who makes a public nuisance of himself, may be investigated by Uncle Sam, and if found guilty is likely to be dropped from the pension rolls."

An aged minister in England, on hearing that Rev. Charles M. Sheldon had engaged a luxurious saloon berth in a Cunarder for his voyage to England, remarked, with his habitual stut: "One would have thought that the author of 'In His Steps' would have walked across."

The Chinese fuss is a regular Godsend to the British. They can go to work and clear up the Boer regions to their complete satisfaction and nobody will find time to say a word. Folks are too busy seeing that the celestials are properly slaughtered and have no time to object to bloodletting in other parts of the earth.

The reports of the past week show that favorable weather has prevailed throughout Pennsylvania. Crops have improved much. Moderately heavy showers were reported in nearly every county; however, in a few scattered localities more rain is needed. A few corn and potatoe fields are reported to be slightly damaged by heavy rains during last week.

Attention of farmers and all others who make cider or other vinegars is called to the fact that before offering the same for sale they are compelled by law to mark on each head of cask, barrel or keg, or if sold in other packages, each package containing such vinegar, the name and residence of the manufacturer, together with the brand, "cider vinegar."

With the intention of keeping the funds in the banks in order to give the Commonwealth the three per cent. interest, State Treasurer James Barnett has announced that he will pay no school warrants until after September 1st. The funds have been available for more than a week. He is of the belief that the school districts do not need the funds during the summer months.

The authorities in Lyscom county are setting an excellent example for other counties in making investigations leading to the arrest, conviction and punishment of persons guilty of starting forest fires. The destruction from fires carelessly or wantonly originated in the timbered regions of the state during the spring months is estimated to be equivalent to a money loss of \$250,000.

Judge Neelen, of Wisconsin, in passing sentence upon the case where two women Christian Scientists were the defendants, said: "Under existing laws, to heal the sick, or, to use equivalent words, practice medicine, is not construed by the courts as applying exclusively to the administration of drugs and the use of instruments, but may properly be construed to mean the treatment in any manner of one who is ill, as a Christian Scientist healer or practitioner for a fee, and Christian Scientists so undertaking the cure of the sick without license to practice medicine become thereby subject to the penalties of the law. This in no way interferes with the religious belief of anybody."

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, June 25, 1900.

Notwithstanding the juggling by the republican leaders with the Vice Presidential nomination, which everybody saw through, the Hanna made ticket which was nominated at Philadelphia and the Washington made platform adopted have evoked not the slightest enthusiasm in Washington, although the numerical strength of the bread and butter brigade at the National Capitol and Roosevelt's considerable personal following, led many to suppose that there would be at least a bluff made at some sort of an enthusiastic demonstration. About the only hurrahs heard in Washington have come from delegates to the convention who stopped on their way home and those hurrahs were not the result of enthusiasm, but of whiskey or other intoxicants. But that, of course, does not worry Boss Hanna. It is boodle, not enthusiasm, that he relies upon to duplicate his '96 business.

Nothing more contradictory was ever put into a party platform than the declarations of the republican platform that "We endorse the administration of William McKinley, and we favor the construction, ownership, control and protection of an isthmian canal by the government of the U. S." Mr. McKinley's administration is responsible for the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which, if ratified, would make the carrying out of that part of the platform an impossibility. The platform did dare endorse by name the Hanna-Payne ship subsidy job, but merely asks for "legislation which will enable us to recover our former place among the trade-carrying fleets of the world." It is certain that Hanna's subsidy job won't do it.

Mr. McKinley did not take kindly to the suggestion that an extra session of Congress be called to determine the policy of this government towards the proposed invasion of China by an allied army. He preferred to jump head foremost into an alliance with the imperial governments of Europe and Japan, and U. S. troops are now being hurriedly sent to take part in the invasion. If this action does not lead to entangling foreign complications, many shrewd men will be mistaken in their predictions.

One of the reasons for republican alarm about the great middle west was concisely given by Mr. J. B. Beal, of Akron, Ohio, now in Washington, when he said: "The industrial situation in some of the manufacturing states of the middle western states is decidedly gloomy. The big trusts, which one hears so much about in the East, and the evil effects of which are felt comparatively little here, have been destructive to a large number of factories in our section of the country. There is hardly a manufacturing city of any size in Ohio, Indiana or Illinois, where one or more factories have not been closed down on account of the combination in some particular line of goods. The result has been that a good many people have been thrown out of employment in recent months. Little has been heard of these matters, because nearly everybody had been making good money and had enough left to support themselves for some time, while they looked for other employment. But a great deal of hardship has resulted."

Some of Boss Hanna's millionaire allies have undertaken the contract of aiding the Philadelphia ticket by steadily forcing the price of wheat upward during the campaign, for the purpose of trying to propitiate the disgruntled farmers of the wheat-growing sections. This may be a good thing for those wheat-growers who may be able to take advantage of it, but it will have its risks, both for the wheat growers and the republican ticket. If it should appear at any time that the millionaire syndicate that they can make more money by letting the bottom drop out of the scheme than by carrying it out, they will be apt to do it. Millionaires never allow anything to stand in the way of accumulating other millions.

Democrats do not lack live issues for this campaign, and by no means the least of them is the extraordinary extravagance of the government under the McKinley administration. In the language of Representative Richardson, of Tenn., the able democratic leader of the House and Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, "The cost of running this government has been \$300,000,000 more annually for the last three years than it was before the war with Spain was fought. It is a serious question whether this vast increase is fully warranted. Was the war with Spain worth \$900,000,000 to the American people? If the war wasn't worth \$900,000,000, it is not for the republican party to explain why our expenditures should not be materially reduced." That is straight talk and strictly true. If the people wish to continue reckless and extravagant expenditures just because taxation produces the money, they will continue the republican party in power. But if they wish the government administered on the same economical system which rules in every well conducted business establishment, they will turn the government over to the democratic party, which stands for retrenchment in public expenditures. This issue is not likely to be lost sight of.

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A BRILLIANT JUNE WEDDING.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Croope of Briarcreek was on Wednesday afternoon June 20th, the scene of one of the most brilliant social events of the season, when Miss Blanche Rebecca Croope and Charles D. Bausch of Danville, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The ceremony was performed in the spacious east parlor which was handsomely decorated with ground pine and daisies. A bell composed of the same was suspended from the center of the ceiling under which the bridal party passed to the north-east corner of the room, where the old family clock, beautifully banked with daisies and ferns, was standing its hands pointing to the date and hour at which the ceremony was performed. At exactly half-past four accompanied by the sweet strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Prof. Charles Heller of Berwick, the bridal party entered the room in the following order. First came the four ushers, Edward F. Williams of Danville, Frank Bloss, Bruce Dietterich and Thomas Morton of Berwick, carrying the white ribbon which formed the aisle through which the bridal party passed. Then came the groom and best man George Croope, brother of the bride, attired in the conventional black. Then the bridesmaids, Miss Mary Croope and Miss Cathryn Bausch sisters of the bride and groom respectively, who were attired in white dotted Swiss with yellow ribbons and who carried bouquets of yellow roses. Preceding the bride who followed with dignity and grace was her nephew Allen B. Croope, who strewed her path with roses. The bride was handsomely gowned in ivory satin, trimmed with liberty silk and lilies of the valley and carried a huge bouquet of bridal roses. The impressive Episcopal ceremony was then performed by the Rev. Hunter pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Berwick. During the ceremony the organist played "Then You'll Remember Me" and during congratulations pealed forth the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. After congratulations elegant refreshments were served on the lawn under the catership of Mrs. Shovelin of Wilkesbarre, assisted by a corps of efficient waitresses.

The bride attired in a handsome traveling suit threw her roses from the porch and in the confusion that followed quietly slipped away through a rear door and crossing the river in a row boat, they were met by a cab which conveyed them to Creasy Station where they boarded a south bound Pennsylvania train. They intend making an extended tour through Philadelphia, Washington, Norfolk and Atlantic City. Great disappointment prevailed when the departure was made known and especially were they disappointed who had provided themselves with an abundance of rice in anticipation of the newly married couple leaving on a later D. L. and W. train.

The guests numbered about 200 and were present from Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Nanticoke, Bloomsburg, Danville, Tamaqua and Williamsport. The presents were numerous and varied and included linen, china, silver, cut glass and furniture.

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A Sunday School Rally.

In the U. Evangelical church, July 1st. A Special Sermon at 10:30 A. M., and a special Program in the evening. All are heartily invited to be present.

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STYLISH GARMENTS,
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All the latest novelties for spring wear, in hats, caps, shirts, underwear and neckwear, can always be found at
Townsend's Star Clothing House.

All Eyes on Kansas City.

The national Democratic convention will assemble in Kansas City on Wednesday, July 4. The convention will undoubtedly nominate as its standard bearer William Jennings Bryan, the most popular living Democrat.

The Philadelphia Sunday Times will, on July 1, present its readers with a handsome lithographed portrait of Mr. Bryan. The portrait is made from a photograph forwarded to The Times from Lincoln, Nebraska, by the distinguished Democratic leader himself, and is in every particular a faithful likeness.

The Sunday Times of the same date will contain a valuable article by Colonel A. K. McClure, in which this celebrated writer gives the history of past Democratic conventions and writes of many interesting and exciting incidents connected therewith. Among other things of special interest there will also appear on July 1 a richly illustrated article on Mr. Bryan and his family at home on the farm, signed articles by prominent Democrats on the national outlook, etc., etc. The Sunday Times of July 1, issued on the eve of the national convention, will be of unusual interest to every student of political history. Don't be disappointed. Order your copy in advance.

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You will need them for separate skirts during the warm weather.
35c all wool suitings, reduced to 19c.
50c novelty dress goods, reduced to 33c.
90c fine all wool dress goods, reduced to 58c.
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This is a chance to make yourself comfortable through the warm weather. Our 8 and 10c lawns and dimities reduced to 6c. 15 and 16c lawns reduced to 12c. 10c gingham reduced to 7c. 36 in. Madras gingham, that sold from 15 to 22c, reduced to 12c. A lot of fine imported organdies, 25c quality, reduced to 11c.

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