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Reader, if you want to know what is going on in the business world, just read our advertising columns. The Special column is particularly interesting.

MAXIMS FOR THE DAY.

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A few Democrats in Lyncoming county, last fall, chimed in with the Greenbackers and helped to elect Mr. John Gaus to the Legislature for that county. He, with two other Greenbackers, voted for Cameron, the Radical nominee for United States Senator. Now then, when it is too late, the Democrats and Greenbackers are all mad, and Gaus, the Greenback member of the Legislature from Lyncoming county who voted for Cameron, has been hung in effigy, enough to satisfy him that he ought to make an explanation. He has shown what a powerful mind can sometimes do. He had only pledged himself to vote "for a Greenback United States Senator" if such a man was nominated with a probability of success, and he early saw that there was no chance of such a nomination. Mr. Gaus, then turned to Cameron as the representative of the Greenbackers' principles—to say nothing of a pastor and folder and common positions—and voted for him. All the Greenback members of the House who supported Cameron have now explained. Mr. J. T. Schorer, of Schuylkill, gives the reasons which Mr. Gaus has adopted, while Mr. Dennis O'Leahan, of Luzerne, struck out with the statement that he gave his vote to Cameron because the young Senator was a good friend of the Catholic Church. These important matters having been attended to, there is nothing to prevent the Legislature from going along with its business.

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The Philadelphia Times alludes to a very stubborn fact in this way: "The suggestion of Auditor General Scheel that the office of Bank Assessor should be abolished, deserves the unanimous favor of both branches of the Legislature. The office is entirely useless; it serves no public purpose except to place blanks measurable at the mercy of reckless officials, and the sum of over six thousand dollars now paid mainly to partisan dependents should be saved to the Treasury." The office was not created to meet any public necessity, but to supply the wants of politicians of both parties who could not be otherwise provided for, and the appointment, as a rule, have been anything but creditable; the ostensible incumbents have generally performed no duty, and the salaries have at times been divided among men who could not be named for any public position. The State has scores of just such sinecures, created from time to time to pay party expenses and help to pollute elections, and now that the Democrats have taken the Bank Assessor plunder and are taking a Democratic shindy over it, the Republican Legislature might get much credit for a little cheap virtue by abolishing the office.

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The man who by an Act of Assembly, or otherwise wants to palm off eight hours for a day's work, is either a knave or a fool. We notice that some of our legislators are unliking at this job.

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One of the most ludicrous, and at the same time profitable things of the day, is the "labor party" movement. It is a scheme for the purpose of securing a remedy for the horrors of the situation, few of which are, but that fact does not seem to disturb them in the least.

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The report of the majority of the House Naval Committee in relation to the late administration of the Navy Department is signed by the Hon. J. M. McKim, Chairman of the Committee. It says that a report was ordered to be submitted to the House at the last session, to be recommissioned for further action by the Committee, and that since that time the report has been reported to the proof first taken, and who desired to be heard by the Committee, has been heard in defense or explanation of his official conduct. The report mentions that during the past session the Committee has been reported to the House the sum of \$124,000.00. In addition to this there was disposed of during the administration of Mr. Robeson, material the cost of which was about \$1,000,000.00. It is a large expenditure for the present condition of the navy is shown by Mr. Harris, of Massachusetts, in his report of last year, to have been at that time as follows:

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