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**RAIN.**  
When, with sultry airs down-weighing,  
Shrinking flowers their soft leaves fold  
When the dandelions, swaying,  
In the grasses hide their gold,  
When upon the darkened river  
Whitening ripples foaming grow,  
When the leaves begin to shiver,  
And the hills sweeter grow,  
Then we know—with swallows dipping,  
Flying low o'er hill and plain,  
There will come the drip, drip, dripping,  
Of the summer rain.  
When the bended corn is showing  
Nothing but a silver haze,  
When the startled bees are going  
Noiseless back their honeyed ways,  
When through threatening clouds o'er-lying,  
Not a ray of sunlight shakes,  
When no sound save crows' shrill crying,  
Passion of earth's silence breaks,—  
Then we know—with swallows dipping,  
Flying low o'er hill and plain,  
There will come the drip, drip, dripping,  
Of the summer rain.  
—Mrs. L. C. Whitton, in *Wide Awake*.

**THE COMING STORM.**  
Impending upheaval of the Democratic Party—A St. Louis Newspaper of Spasmodic Political Virtue at the Head of the Malcontents.

If all the signs of the times are not at fault, a general upheaval is impending in the Democratic party in Missouri, that will lead to great changes in its internal organization, to the cutting off of a considerable portion of its unwieldy majority to its thorough renovation and reorganization, and to the institution of a sterner and more effective discipline in its ranks. Its preponderance has been too great since the contest of 1870 re-entranced the Southern element of the party, and it has been constantly increasing, year by year, since that time. The result of its overshadowing preponderance in numbers and power has been the steady accession to it of the trifling, the worthless, the mercenary, and the ambitious element from every party and in every community. These recruits of questionable character and antecedents came into the party by thousands, without serving any term of probation, without taking any oath of allegiance and without any more definite political object than to get on the strong side, and to advance themselves personally. Whenever in the past nominations were to be made, or offices and honors distributed, they have pushed impudently to the front, and have been noisy and clamorous in their own behalf, or in behalf of some member of their gang. Thus it has been for years. And at last finding that their impudence was tolerated, and their noise and clamor had some effect, they have grown bolder, and from being blatant have become insubordinate, and from being a nuisance have become an obstruction and an element of danger.

They have a sort of mutinous organization among themselves. They are bound by no ties of allegiance to the party and by no obligations of honor as individuals. They set themselves up as rulers and dictators, and if they cannot have their way, at once fly the track and attempt to frighten and coerce the mass of the party. At the head of these mercenary and malicious malcontents stands the St. Louis Republican, a paper with a strong body and a weak head, which by some inverse process of reasoning has come to believe that its influence and power is in proportion to its age and size rather than to its sense, to mistake its inconsistencies for the manifestations of an independent spirit, to account its cowardice as prudence, and to think it can force an acquiescence in its selfish designs on the mass of the party as a part of their political and patriotic duty. Its Democracy is at best but spasmodic. When offices are to be filled and honors awarded, its loyalty to the party is intense. When its capacious maw is satisfied for the time, it is a reviler and a sneerer at the very name of Democracy. Just now, its usual arts of jugglery and chicanery having failed, it is moved by some impulse of insanity to attempt to play a bolder game and drag down the party into electing a United States Senator and Representatives in Congress to please it and the nondescript gang of mutinous partisans of which it is the organ and inspiration. In this it has mistaken its part. It does not know its own weakness, or the elements of strength it has aroused into action against it. It will be the loser, and the Democracy the gainer; for it will be lopped off and cast aside, and the Democracy will be purified and its discipline and power vindicated.—Independence Democrat.

Whatever tends to diminish strength should be removed from the system.—For those weakening diseases of Babbyhood—Colic, Diarrhoea, &c., use Dr. Ball's Baby Syrup which always cures. 25 cts.

**ON THE WING.**  
**Pennsylvania Finances—"Comparatively Speaking."**  
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Aug. 6.—Forty three hours on the cars, and here I am, wedged in among "the hills of Muncie." Stepping into the coach of the Missouri Pacific last Sunday, just as the devout people of staid old, well behaved Jefferson were wending their way homeward from church. We were barely in time to escape the storm which no doubt overtook them. Our ride to St. Louis was through several refreshing showers, and all day Monday our train encountered several showers, and crossed the track of as many others.

Our ride was a delightful one. In the Union Depot at St. Louis we were transferred to the magnificent parlor coaches of the "Vandalia Line,"—those of us bound for the East—the work of a few moments only, and were soon on the way. Entering the great tunnel, and reappearing in the soft twilight of the closing hours of a glorious summer day, upon the bridge of size, across which we crept lightly, we were soon speeding across the *Illinos* of Illinois—out past the monuments of the "mound-builders," whose emerald crests the lingering twilight enabled us not only to discern, but to people with the ghostly fancies their mysterious origin is calculated to inspire. Darkness and dreams followed. Daylight found us on the eastern edge of Indiana—at Cambridge City. The day sped rapidly—helped on by conversation with car acquaintances—one, an Italian lady of Patrician birth, hastening to embark from New York for the sunny shores of her native land, the other politicians en route to the Mecca of American office seekers, and merchants, lawyers and bankers seeking the sea-side and invigorating sniffs of ocean air.

The party was a pleasant one, and right royally did the people of the Vandalia Line and connecting companies contribute to their ease and comfort. No delays, no mishaps, no change of cars, no annoyances of any description to mar the pleasures of the journey. Think of it. Forty-three hours car riding, and with less weariness than a ride from Jefferson City to St. Louis costs.

There is but one thing to add of our journey: "If you are coming East," take the Vandalia and Pennsylvania route by all means.

Our present stopping place is a thriving city of about twenty thousand, built on a broad plateau in the fertile valley of the Susquehanna, over looked by the "Bald Eagles," prominent points in a spur of the great Appalachian Chain. It is a charming region, and our visit promises to be a pleasant one.

Appropos to the report of the State Treasurer of Missouri, which the people of our state are now, no doubt, hotly discussing, the State Treasurer of Pennsylvania has just made a report, some points of which may be of interest in connection with the matter of keeping the monies of the State.

I find the report in the *Gazette and Bulletin* of this city—the leading paper of the section. The report shows a balance in the Treasury on the 31st of July, 1878, of \$1,225,742 36, all deposited except \$4,802.07; remaining in the vault, in Thirty nine of the different banks here and there, over the state, in sums varying from \$1,000.80 to \$580,227.54.

Of these deposits, the Treasurer says: "These moneys are on deposit and subject to my check as Treasurer, and none of them are loaned by me to individuals, firms or corporations. Bonds and collateral securities are held by the department to secure these deposits." It appears that this is in accordance with the law of the State.

The deposits, on moneys, held as above stated, of the State, belong \$313,861.26 to the general fund, and \$912,062.10 in the sinking fund for the payment of outstanding loans due and payable August 1 and October 1, 1878, less some \$30,000. The interest on the public debt of the State, due in January and February, 1879, amounts to \$605,000, and has all yet to be collected, except the \$30,000 still on hand. But the point of comparison with our Treasurer's report, to which we wish to call attention is this: That the deposits of the moneys of the State, here, are scattered as much as possible over the Com-

monwealth. Why is not the idea a good one for our State to follow hereafter, when, pursuant to law, the depositors of the State's moneys are selected? And why is not the idea a good one to require of the banks who have the moneys of the State on deposit to give the bonds of the State as collateral security for the safety. Our next will be of the "Greenback" fever, which we find prevailing here and throughout the east. N. C.

### EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

**THE GREENBACK MOVEMENT IN THE ALLEGHANIES.**  
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. Aug 8.—The activity, nay, the existence, even, of a greenback party in a state like this is an "absolute" marvel. Why, a great many honest, industrious and intelligent men, here, are joining the Nationals. Nearly all are of this class, and a great many of them have been Republicans. This is the most marvelous of all. What has caused the change? To what is the degeneration of sentiment due?

"We want more greenbacks! the currency of the country is not sufficient to supply the wants of the people! invariable cry of the disaffected. If there was more money in the country there would be more employment for labor; there would be more manufacturing; the wheels of industry would again revolve; the fires of the iron furnaces would be rekindled, and the echo of the woodsman's ax would again resound through the forests," is the specious argument we hear.

Would not more gold answer the same purpose? "Yes but we can't get the gold; we can't work and earn it for it aint in the country."

Well how is it proposed to get hold of the greenbacks? "Easy enough. Pay off government bonds by the issue of them."

What! Compel the holder of interest bearing obligation to take his pay in non-interest-bearing, promise to pay, that has no definite time of payment or maturity? "In that respect what advantage has a gold dollar over a green back dollar;—coin is currency the same as a treasury note, and like it, bears no interest. Intrinsic value is no essential of a circulating medium."

This, and much more in a similar strain, is the talk we hear here, and it is capturing the multitude. The Legislature elected here this fall chooses a United States Senator in the place of Don Cameron, and the spectacle of so many of the old party being led away after strange gods by these greenback sophistries, makes the result—interesting to contemplate at least.

Knowing ones, aver the absolute certainty of the Nationals holding the balance of power in the next Legislature of the State. Their organization in the Schuylkill, Lehigh, Lackawanna, Wyoming and several other of the most populous districts of the State is complete and overwhelming. Even in Pittsburg, owing in a great measure to party dissensions, there is a strong probability of National, or Greenback, successes.

To add to the complications, although the majority of Republicans throughout the State are hard money men, yet in localities they compose in the main, the National organizations. The natural tendency of Democracy is to Greenbackism but as yet it is hard to tell which of the two parties is the largest element of the National organizations—that is in the localities in which National successes are probable.

The problem, about which there is so much anxiety and interest, therefore really is whether the "balance of power" in the next Pennsylvania Legislature shall be held by Republican or Democratic Nationals. It is supposed that the Cameroons, who feel a deep interest in the result, as political salvation to them is involved, will have a good deal to do with controlling the course of events. Though one thing is quite apparent. There is a general breaking up of party lines in the most part of the State, and the appearance of new leaders on the political affairs of the State need not be unlocked for. The Nationals or Greenbackers have been and still our active, while Democrats and Republicans look on with idleness and apathy. N. C.

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