

Ink Sillings.

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—Manila hats will be worn this summer.

—That Phillipsburg boy who coughed up a full sized toad evidently had more than a frog in his throat.

—A regiment of yellow journal war correspondents ought to be mustered into the army for service in Cuba.

—If they haven't had much rain on the Philippines lately it has been DEWEY enough there since Sunday to make up for the naturally dry condition of things.

—If the war will have done the fellows who have remained at home no other good it will have caused the dust to be brushed from many an old geography that hasn't been off the shelf since the school days, years ago.

—Oh what a difference when STONE comes to town, you will see the smart Republicans all flockin' round.

—It has cost us lots of money to pay for the target practice of our tars, in fact we spend three times as much for that purpose as any naval power on the earth.

—With true Irish characteristics it was a MULLEN and an O'MALLY who fired the first guns in the Spanish-American war.

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How we May Dispose of our Conquests.

The loss of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands to the government of Spain will be among the results of the present war.

Upon Spain's being deprived of these islands, which for nearly four centuries were in her possession, the duty of disposing of them will devolve upon the United States by right of conquest.

After the expulsion of the Spaniards it will be our duty to help the Cubans establish an independent government.

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Democratic Support of the War.

The Democratic party may be relied on to stand by the government in its war with Spain. This is a fact about which there can be no question.

These are the facts connected with the Democratic position in regard to the war with Spain. The Democratic party is now, as it has always been, the war party when the nation is assailed by a foreign enemy.

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Democratic Congressmen, when called upon to vote on the subject of war revenue, had a right to ask that the government should adopt the method that would be least oppressive to the people.

To construe such action as opposition to the war is an assumption that will suit the organs of a party which, in peace or in war, is always at the service of the plutocratic class.

Gallant commodore DEWEY has conferred new honors upon the old flag and covered himself and the American navy with an additional installment of glory.

It was a great day for the American navy and the star spangled banner.

—COMMODORE DEWEY had an advantage in operating against the Philippines which no doubt greatly contributed to his brilliant success.

—Retributive justice overtook the Spaniards at Manila for their treacherous destruction of the Maine.

The People's War.

There was never in the history of the world a more righteous war than this which the United States is waging against Spain.

The American people, impelled by the noblest sentiments, have demanded this war. They could not endure the outrages practiced upon the oppressed people of Cuba.

Parties who were high in the councils of this administration believed that there were claims stronger than the claims of humanity, and interests that were of more account than the national honor.

The people forced the administration to abandon its attitude of peace when there could be no peace without actual disgrace to the nation.

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usual machine methods, respecting, as usual, the foul politics and vicious principles of the machine rule which Mr. WANAMAKER is so graphically exposing and so strenuously denouncing?

It may be the end of the war.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The general opinion among prominent members of the administration is that the naval victory at Manila is not only highly important of itself, but that it will have a very decided influence among the nations of Europe.

The attorney general, when questioned to-day, said that in his judgment the Manila victory was the beginning of the end. A few such defeats must convince the Spanish government that their case was a hopeless one.

Secretary Gage held similar views, and he was inclined to the opinion that Spain might not wait for more crushing defeats before she set on foot negotiations looking to the cessation of hostilities.

Although the victory at the Philippines undoubtedly will have the effect of releasing at least a part of Commodore Dewey's fleet, members of the administration are not inclined to discuss what action will be taken in that regard.

It is stated by high authority that Commodore Dewey's instructions were of a general character, simply directing him to reduce the Spanish fortifications of the island, and take possession.

Aside from the immediate effects of the Manila engagement foreign representatives here say it is likely to precipitate an internal confusion in Spain.

The cable from Manila, it is learned, is a British and not a Spanish cable, and it is believed that British operators have charge of the cable station.

Leading diplomats say no step toward European intervention is likely to be hastened by this disaster of Spain.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—From a score of applicants H. H. Moore was elected prison keeper at Lancaster.

—After many years of idleness, the Lochiel iron furnace, at Harrisburg, will be put in operation.

—Aged Nathaniel Ellmaker, of Lancaster, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his admission to the bar on Tuesday.

—Charles D. Arters, of Pottsville, was appointed warden and Mrs. C. D. Arters matron of the Schuylkill county prison.

—B. F. Gilkeson, of Bristol will deliver an address before the Hugh A. Martindell post, of Langhorne, on Decoration day.

—With poison furnished by his wife, Thomas Gallagher, a prisoner in the Williamsport jail, tried to end his life.

—The mines of the Wyoming region will work on increased time this month, and the outlook is considered very bright.

—Carpenter Levi Lentz, of Weatherly, Carbon county, fell from a roof which he was repairing and died from his injuries.

—The junior order of American mechanics, of Bristol, have pledged themselves to support the families of all members that enlist.

—The heirs of the late Sarah Kirkbride, of Philadelphia, attended the sale of the personal effects of Mrs. Kirkbride at Bristol on Saturday.

—Burglars effected an entrance into the First Presbyterian church at Bloomsburg Saturday night, but did not discover the valuable silver service.

—Cracksmen blew open a safe in Fremont Clark's bakery, at Stroudsburg, and fired harmless shots from their revolvers when discovered.

—R. H. Brubaker has been elected President of the Conestoga national bank, to succeed David B. Landis, recently murdered by Ralph Wireback.

—On the street at Mahanoy City Charles Holman was attacked by several drunken men and twice stabbed by Anthony Dembreski, one of the party.

—Walking in his sleep, aged Benno Wirth, of Easton, stepped out of a second-story window and fell on the pavement, sustaining injuries from which he died.

—Mrs. D. N. C. Brock, president of the state federation of woman's clubs, of Mount Lebanon, was seriously hurt Monday night in a runaway accident.

—William Snyder, aged 61, of Lebanon, was stricken with apoplexy while descending the stairs at his home, and fractured his skull, dying soon afterward.

—The society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children caused the arrest of Eli Bierman, of Bethlehem, who for more than a year has lived by sending his six children out to beg.

—Ernest Van Dyke, 15 years old, of Weatherly, attempted to steal a ride on a coal train Saturday evening, but fell between the cars and had his right leg crushed so badly that it had to be amputated.

—Judge Gordon has appointed Alfred M. Liveright special district attorney for Clearfield county to fill district attorney Woodward's place during the absence of the latter, who is captain of company E, of the National Guards.

—The young Americans, of Patton, the other evening, armed with guns and headed by a drum corps, dragged a dummy of Weyler through the streets, then bound the figure to a tree and riddled it with bullets, and as a final act of their vengeance, threw the dummy into a creek.

—The Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad company, an affiliated line of the Pennsylvania, at the annual meeting held on Monday elected officers and directors as follows: President, Samuel Rea; directors, James P. Coburn, S. C. Stewart, N. P. Shortridge, W. H. Barnes, Charles E. Pugh and William A. Patton.

—While William Kissel was working in the Beech Creek railroad shops at Jersey Shore a few days ago, his coat caught in the cogs, and his arm was being rapidly drawn toward the revolving wheels. In response to his cries, his fellow workmen succeeded in stopping the machine, but not before his hand was caught and terribly lacerated.

—Hotel Shikellimy, the summer resort located on the summit of historic Blue Hill, opposite Northumberland, was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. The flames started about 2 o'clock in the office and spread with great rapidity. It had not yet been opened for the season. The hotel occupied a position on a bluff at the junction of the two branches of the Susquehanna river. It was built in 1891 and cost \$75,000.

—The man Malia, who fired the first gun when the Buena Ventura was captured near Key West last week, was formerly an employee of Central Pennsylvania telephone and supply company, whose line runs through this city. About two years ago, while unscrambling the bolt that fastened the cross arm to a pole one day, he sat astride the arm, and when he removed the bolt he fell with the stick to the sidewalk. He was severely injured. After he recovered he enlisted in the navy.

—At Jersey Shore a Spaniard, who had been employed on the Beech Creek gravel train, quit work a few days ago and announced his intention of going to Spain to enlist in her army. He could not hold his tongue and denounced the United States government as well as the people. Several railroad hands took the Spaniard in hand and gave him a taste of American indignation in the way of fist blows and rough tumbles. The foreigner then skipped out and left on the Fall Brook railroad.

—C. K. Sober, of Lewisburg, is starting a chestnut orchard on his farm, near Shamokin. He is grafting some choice varieties on native young trees, the tract adjoining the mountain side. He already has about one hundred acres prepared. Last year he began on a tract of some thirty acres. The trees are about a rod apart. He expects returns in three years, each tree likely to yield about a peck from the start. There are one or two large chestnut orchards in the State, started the same way, and are said to be excellent investments. Mr. Sober's experiment will be watched with considerable interest, though it is an assured success.