

Ink Slings.

When you go to a traveling circus, With a measly little dime, And you think you can buy the whole blamed thing...

Philadelphia society, like that in most every other community doesn't need a horse show half as badly as it does horse sense.

—Yes, MAUD dear, when the Cuban patriots lay down their arms for Uncle SAM'S \$75 they will still have others left.

—Col. PATY DU CLAM will be very likely to find himself in the soup if the DREYFUS case is reopened with the vigor that reports from the French capital say it will be.

—Where is the northerner who has made the patriotic advances toward breaking down sectionalism that have been made by the late HENRY GRADY, JOE WHEELER or HENRY WATTSERSON?

—About the first thing those flighty French people will do will be to release DREYFUS from his solitary confinement on Devil's island and take him home to be elected President of the Republic.

—JOHN WANAMAKER'S son's paper, The North American, puts it in this way: "Former Senator QUAY and his family left Washington to-day for their summer home, etc." You will observe the use of the word "former."

—The campaign is coming on. Remember that it is only a passing political contest. Don't say or do anything that will make enemies of men that are now your friends.

—Come, come, Mr. New Editor of the Republican. Get in this way: Your issue of yesterday never mentioned local politics. Remember that you are here for something and you ought to be away up on your "hind feet" by this time.

—The professional southern cake walkers at Atlantic City who went on a strike because two common looking New York coons took their cake might be willing to admit that all coons look alike, but their actions don't indicate that all coons are alike.

—The New York board of aldermen have voted \$150,000 for the purpose of properly receiving Admiral DEWEY when he arrives at that port in September. It appears from this that New York aldermen can vote boodle into other necessities than their own.

—Governor TEDDY ROOSEVELT is soon to receive an L.L. D. degree from Columbia university. It will take more than that degree to make him competent to doctor up some of the laws that were passed by that last Republican Legislature in New York.

—And so it has come to pass that even a Republican president, of the high moral character that Mr. MCKINLEY is supposed to have, is not constrained to break down the civil service rules in order that from four to ten thousand more hungry Republican rooters can get at the public trough.

—This talk of appealing to the courts for aid in suppressing Governor STONE'S presumption that he is more powerful than the constitution is all poppy-cock. If there is one thing in the State, more than another, that QUAY owns outright it is the Supreme court.

—There is one fellow in this State who more than gets even with the railroad companies when he sends his family off visiting. He is responsible for three sets of twins within the last four years, and in consequence can have seven people ride on one full fare railroad ticket, for his six children are all under five years of age.

—The German Emperor has lately displayed an inclination toward taking up architecture, which is the first really sensible thing we have heard of his doing since he started out to become Jack of all trades. There is nothing that needs the work of a builder any more than his own government and it is a great blessing to Germany that he has at last started to studying it.

—It is reported that the FORAKER-MCKISSON-KURTZ fight against HANNA is to be renewed this campaign out in Ohio. While the public will not have much confidence in "Fog-horn" JOE and his motives, yet there would doubtless be a very general expression of satisfaction if he should beat the boss boodler out. Anything would be preferable to HANNA, not only in Ohio, but in Washington as well.

—Secretary ALGER has written to Gen. OTIS to find out how many men he will need to carry out his campaign in the Philippines and the latter has answered that he will have to have thirty thousand before he will be properly re-informed for the plans he has laid. At \$2 a head those Filipinos would be dear enough, but what, with having already lost hundreds of precious lives in the attempt to conquer them and now risking thirty thousand more, is there to be gained as the reward of such a sacrifice?

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An Outrage on Cuba.

If it were not so great a matter, the recent experiences in Cuba in relation to the distribution of funds to the ex-Cuban soldiers would be most amusing. Having conceived the brilliant idea of bribing these half-starved fellows into a relinquishment of their rights to bear arms, the representatives of the United States government on the island proceeded to adopt rules for the transaction of the business.

That is the present aspect of the case. For about a week the American authorities in Cuba have been parading around with train loads of gold and silver begging the Cubans in several neighborhoods to come forward, deposit their guns with the local magistrate and take away a portion of the treasure.

The spectacle is a humiliating one, but who dares say that these almost starved and well-nigh famished ex-soldiers are not right in the course they have adopted? What right had the President or General BROOKE or any one else on earth to put such a condition on the payment of the money appropriated by Congress for the relief of these men?

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Two weeks ago the Legislative committee charged with the duty of prosecuting certain persons accused of corrupt solicitation in connection with the consideration of the McCARROLL bill in the Pennsylvania Legislature submitted such evidence as had been obtained by a legislative investigation, together with their report on the subject, to the district attorney of Dauphin county.

An Ominous Silence.

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employment of special counsel and succeeded in defeating it. This necessitated the handing of the evidence over to the district attorney of Dauphin county, and the result thus far justifies the suspicions that were whispered among the people about Harrisburg at the time.

But the matter may yet be brought to a trial. The district attorney of Dauphin county is amenable to the law and if he fails of his duty there is a way to bring him to task, provided of course that the committee of the Legislature desires to do so. It will be remembered that when the riot bribery cases were before the public the Legislature refused to appropriate funds to pay counsel for conducting the prosecutions, but the necessary amount was obtained, notwithstanding that fact, and such eminent lawyers as Judge BLACK and the late MATT CARPENTER were concerned in the case for the people.

Mostly a Republican Steal.

The Clearfield Republican, says to the Inquirer, agent the charge that Judge Savidge, of Northumberland, had been holding court in that county and charging the people ten dollars a day and mileage, says that the question is not whether or not ten dollars a day and mileage is too much to pay for the services of a just judge, but whether Clearfield county requires the services of an outside judge.

On that point the Clearfield papers ought to have more information than the Inquirer. This journal notes, however, that that jurist has drawn something more than nine hundred dollars extra from the State Treasury for outside services during the year 1897, but as both he and the Clearfield Republican members of the Democratic party, it really does not understand why the Republican should ask the Inquirer to explain his conduct.

The above we get from the Philadelphia Inquirer of a recent date. Possibly it might be out of place for the WATCHMAN to seemingly interfere in a controversy between others, but it cannot refrain from remarking that in the effort to connect politics with the question of extra compensation for the judges of the State the Inquirer shows a degree of partisan bias that is neither complimentary to its professed fairness nor complimentary to its political judgment.

Had the Inquirer known as much about the extra pay received by judges as it should, who has received it and the amounts so drawn—or known anything at all about the subject, we doubt if it would have had anything to say on the question. At least common political sense would have deterred it from attempting to make political insinuations or saddling the wrong upon the shoulders of Democratic judges alone.

And this in the face of the two facts that in one-half the districts of the State there are not six weeks of work to do, and the other more important one that the salaries of judges are fixed by law, and the constitution expressly prohibits them from receiving any "other compensation, fees or perquisites."

These facts given above, unconstitutional, unjustly and wrongfully, drawn from the treasury, the Republican Supreme court judges received \$19,599 and a Democratic Supreme court judge \$2,400. Of the amounts paid extra to the common pleas judges, the Republican judges received \$70,010.55 and the Democratic judges \$27,571.26.

The laws which made this robbery of the people, by the judiciary, possible were passed by Republican Legislatures and signed by Republican Governors; the apportionment of districts that made neither reason nor excuse for the wrong was the work of Republican manipulators; the sentiment that sustains and encourages it was bred and fostered by Republican teachings; the beneficiaries of this legalized but unconstitutional theft has been largely Republicans; and nine-tenths of the extra work said to be done and which the people were compelled to pay for twice, was for Republican judges and in districts in which there can be no reasonable excuse for the services of an extra judge.

In this matter the Inquirer, like the ostrich, has, in attempting to hide its head in the sand, only made its insidiousity more perceptible.

Mr. Reed's Retirement.

Congressman HOPKINS, of Illinois, has announced the platform upon which he asks support as a candidate for the Speakership of the House of Representatives. If he is elected, he states in substance, he will conduct the office on different lines than those followed by Speaker REED. That goes without saying for there is probably no other man on earth who could impose on the House and the country as Mr. REED has done during the several years that he occupied the speaker's chair.

This is indeed a gratifying declaration and will excite a widespread hope that Mr. HOPKINS may be successful in his aspiration to hold what he calls the second highest office under the government. Mr. REED has been a good Speaker, and it would probably be unjust to question his patriotism or doubt his singleness of purpose. But he has arrogated to himself powers of such vastness that it is bewildering to think of them even now, after his proposed voluntary withdrawal from public life has been announced.

—No man can carry one movement to success so long as he remains thoroughly blinded to all else. It is this selfishness of interest that does more to hold back the temperance cause than anything else. Some people must see prohibition in it first before they will turn a hand for anything and this is the reason why help is so scarce when they call for it.

The Crowding Outrage.

President MCKINLEY, according to reports which come from Washington, proposes to have the troops returning from the Philippines mobilized at St. Paul or some other convenient place in the West, in order that he may inspect them. In other words these men who have been unlawfully retained in a hazardous employment, in a tropical and unhealthy climate, the targets for a savage foe, for a period of four or five months beyond their time, are now to be made agents for drawing a crowd for MCKINLEY for electioneering purposes.

There is a record of a mean man who used his wife's funeral as a convenient means of advertising the sale of her old clothes, but it is doubtful if his scheme was any more contemptible than this plan to use the poor soldiers from the trenches in the Philippines to advertise that the man responsible for their privations is a candidate for office and wants the suffrages of the people at any price.

These men do not want to be delayed on their homeward journey to be reviewed by MCKINLEY at St. Paul or anywhere else. What they want is to get home to their friends and families that they may the sooner get the poisons of had food and worse atmosphere out of their systems. If MCKINLEY wants to talk platitudes about his patriotism to them they will be in better form to listen to him after they have had an opportunity to consult with those who have been able to keep themselves informed concerning the conduct of the war and the performances of members of the Cabinet and shareholders in the beef trust while they were on the other side of the globe.

The Discovery of "Nature's Secret" too Late for Malloy.

It is just one luck to be late getting on to a good thing. Some people run into luck, but we are usually sidetracked when it goes flying past on the main line. Now that our home is decorated with five girls, and one boy with sunset hair, a Chicago firm offers us in exchange for advertising space, Dr. Jean Woodley's book, entitled "The secret of nature completely discovered, or how the birth of either boys or girls can be brought about."

In 1900.

Colonel Roosevelt as a presidential possibility has been abandoned by Tom Platt, who like Quay and Hanna, is for McKinley. With New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania entering the next Republican national convention pledged for McKinley his nomination would seem to be assured. The Democrats, however, will doubtless make quite a respectable showing at the election if they are governed by wisdom in the selection of a platform and a candidate worthy of the people's support.

It behooves the party to make it plain to the people that the issue shall be in direct opposition to the policy of Platt, Quay and Hanna, who dominate the Republican party and who are the promoters of the McKinley boom. President McKinley has done some things that commend him to the people, but the men who control him and his policy are men whom the people cannot trust. He has retained in office a secretary of war who, during the Spanish war, was indifferent to the welfare of the American soldier, and Alger has been retained against the advice of the better element of the Republican party.

—The body of Reba Haines, the 15-year-old girl who disappeared from her home in Philadelphia Sunday night, was recovered from the Schuylkill river Tuesday. She had been reprieved by her mother and is believed to have committed suicide.

And Well It May "Ponder."

With the 7000 regular troops now on the way to Manila there will soon be available for services under General Otis about 25,000 Federal soldiers, exclusive of the volunteers now in the Philippines. The latter, numbering originally about 16,000, have been reduced to between 11,000 and 12,000 by the casualties of war and the inroads of disease, and will scarcely be counted upon by the War Department for further active service.

The 20,000 troops in the West Indies cannot be spared, nor can the meagre 17,000 left to garrison the domestic military posts. Manifestly under such conditions recourse must be had to a provisional army of the Federal forces in the Philippines are to be strengthened. The organization of such a body of fresh troops would mean another year of expensive warfare, with an increased public debt and an enhanced toll of human life as inevitable results.

The Great Issue.

Boss Platt has declared himself for the re-nomination of McKinley and Hobart and feels confident of their re-election. We shall see! Some questions will come up in the next canvass that will trouble their inventor and never before presented at a Presidential election, and which the Administration will have to meet. The discussion on the stamp will reach out beyond the stereotyped issues of domestic concern and embrace our foreign policy for the future.

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- Spawls from the Keystone. -For stealing flowers from the city park at Reading a Mrs. Jacobs was fined \$5. -In a runaway accident, near Nazareth, Northampton county, Clayton Hackman and wife were badly injured. -Three 12-inch breech-loading mortars were shipped Monday night by the Bethlehem Iron company to Sandy Hook. -A man giving his name as Jones was caught burglarizing the Philadelphia & Reading railway station at Frackville, Schuylkill county. -Chester's Mayor has ordered the police to arrest all wheelmen riding on the sidewalks and those on the streets at night without a lamp. -The Leepport furnace, near Reading, was set in blast Tuesday after an idleness of eight years. The capacity of the furnace is 600 tons. -A silk mill to employ 300 hands and to represent an investment of \$100,000 is assured for Renovo. It will be built in the eastern part of the town. -The first Indian to be sent to the Huntingdon Reformatory is Walter Bigfire, aged 19, of the Carlisle Indian school, who stole a bicycle from a pupil in the school. -A Jersey Central freight train collided with cars standing on the tracks at Easton, Monday, making a wreck which blocked traffic for several hours. -Counsel for Llewellyn F. Stout, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Harvey H. Wurster, at Bingen, Northampton county, will carry his case to the board of pardons. -Preston Everett, the boy who fatally shot James Howard, on the road near Whitehall, Lehigh county, when the latter stopped his horse, was released from prison Monday, on \$800 bail. -Chester's police have arrested five boys for robbing an ice cream store and believe them to be part of the gang who robbed the barber shop in the Cambridge building, and Alfred Rhodes' news stand on Monday. -Annie Bles, aged 14 years, disappeared from her home at Locust Dale, Schuylkill county, on Tuesday last, and nothing has been heard of her since. It is said she eloped with James Carr, of Ashland, who disappeared about the same time. -The body of Reba Haines, the 15-year-old girl who disappeared from her home in Philadelphia Sunday night, was recovered from the Schuylkill river Tuesday. She had been reprieved by her mother and is believed to have committed suicide. -At Williamsport Sunday while playing with a match, Elma Book, aged 4 year, set fire to her clothes. Her mother, catching up the burning child, ran with her to a small stream near the house and plunged her into the water, extinguishing the flames. The child was frightfully burned, but may recover. -The Lower Merion school board has awarded the contract for the new school house at Bryn Mawr to George Hearst, of Germantown, at his bid of \$23,203. A system of hot air ventilation, etc., will be introduced at a cost of \$4,500. Bonds to the amount of \$30,000 will be issued to pay for these improvements. -The commencement exercises of the Pennsylvania military college begun on Monday with a competitive mounted drill. Friday will be military day. Rev. Benajah L. Whitman, of Washington, D. C., will deliver the baccalaureate Sunday, June 21st and the commencement exercises proper will be held June 14th. -The Supreme court has heard argument in the proceedings brought by former state printer C. M. Busch, to compel the State to pay him \$77,777 for printing the famous "Bird Book" as a reprint of a pamphlet relating to the diseases of poultry. The case was decided by the Dauphin county court against Mr. Busch and he took an appeal. -Memorial day was more generally observed in Wilkesbarre than for several years past. The grand army of the republic veterans, Ninth regiment, N. G. E., and civic societies marched to the cemeteries where the graves of those who died in the civil war and Spanish-American war were decorated. The weather was fine and the cemeteries were crowded with people. -Great excitement prevails at Pine, Clinton county, over what is believed to be the elopement of Miss Essie Huling, of that place, and Edward Kohler, of Antos Fort. Saturday night Mr. Kohler came to the residence of John Huling and asked the daughter to take a drive. The young lady started away with him and that was the last seen of the couple. -James Ridpath, a New York detective, was in Sunbury Thursday evening on his way to Hazleton. He was in quest of nurse Carrie Jones, who kidnaped 18 month old Marion Clark, daughter of Arthur Clark, of 150 East 65th street, New York city, last Sunday. The detective had learned that a woman answering the description of the nurse had taken the train at Philadelphia for Hazleton. -William McKnight, an army and navy veteran, died at Chambersburg, Tuesday morning of paralysis. He was postmaster at Chambersburg under President Harrison. Mr. McKnight made a fortune out of vaccine but lost it in business ventures. He was a son of Joseph McKnight a wealthy Pittsburgh iron manufacturer, with whom he was in partnership until the firm failed. Mr. McKnight was born in Washington county, Pa., and was 60 years of age. -Memorial day was observed at the national cemetery at Gettysburg with the usual elaborate ceremonies and the graves of the fallen heroes were decorated by school children, assisted by the veteran soldiers of the civil war. In the parade Pennsylvania volunteers, who served in the war with Spain, marched as an escort to the grand army of the republic. Between the columns of the young and the old veterans rode Major General D. E. Sickles and Dr. Butterfield and Congressman Ziegler, of this district. A number of civic organizations also took part. The band from the Carlisle Indian school furnished the music. The weather was delightful and the ceremonies were attended by an unusually large crowd. The principal speaker was the Hon. D. D. Woodmansee, of Cincinnati.