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Ink Stings.

-He is the big boss of the whole bloomin' thing. The grand googoom of the show, To QUAY and his crowd "he didn't do a ting" But they say it cost big wads of "dough."

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Let Us Have the Whole Truth.

Governor PINGREE of Michigan resents the methods by which Secretary ALGER was dismissed from the Cabinet. In an interview published the other day he says that injustice has been done to the General, because the faults of the War Department were not committed by ALGER, but by McKinley, and that consequently the dismissal and humiliation of ALGER for the faults of McKinley was an injustice.

This is a specific accusation and comes from a responsible source. It is universally agreed that the great number of lives lost by disease in the several camps in this country and in Cuba are attributable to ignorance and inefficiency of these officers. That being the case the man responsible for their appointment and situation in the service was responsible for the lives sacrificed in the unsanitary camps.

It was the wail that came from the graves of the murdered soldiers that made the deep impression on the public mind. If McKinley attempts to ignore this charge it will become the duty of Governor PINGREE to produce his evidence, and that done the people of the country will do the rest. Whoever the witnesses are who know that WILLIAM McKINLEY ordered the appointments to be made should be brought forward.

Let us have the truth.

The English whom we have been prone to believe proverbially dull have been quick witted enough to see through the great political joke that President McKINLEY is trying to work off on the people of the United States.

The new Secretary of War, ELIHU ROOT, is an able lawyer, who for twenty years has been the legal champion of the trusts in New York. He is an honest man, no doubt, but in 1873 he was the attorney for WILLIAM M. TWEED, and pending the trial of that distinguished defendant Judge NOAH DAVIS, a Republican jurist, rebuked him sharply for excessive zeal in behalf of his client.

Maybe that is true, but it doesn't guarantee as big an income or secure as much popular favor. ELIHU ROOT earned the reputation of a successful lawyer by such methods as provoked Judge DAVIS to administer the rebuke referred to and he has grown rich by fat fees from corporations.

There are hundreds of men in this country who are fitted by education and experience for the office of Secretary of War but ELIHU ROOT is not among them. If he had been appointed Attorney General or Solicitor General there would have been no complaint. But naming him for the office of Secretary of War is absurd. It is like employing a brick-layer to repair a watch or a blacksmith to run a locomotive.

The Death of Ingersoll.

No recent death in this country has aroused so many conflicting emotions as that of Colonel ROBERT G. INGERSOLL, of New York, the great Agnostic. Many admired his talents and despised the principles he advocated. But all who knew him loved the man because more than any other in public view he adhered to the principles of the golden rule.

Colonel INGERSOLL was a man of vast intellect, and no uncharity is meant when we say it was misplaced. In attacking the Christian religion he assailed the most potential element in modern civilization and to no intelligent purpose. That is to say attacking the beliefs that exist and have been instrumental in promoting happiness, contentment, and peace, he offered nothing in place of it, that promised the same results.

INGERSOLL was a great phrase maker and a brilliant orator but even in that field he has left little that is immortal. Other men with less talent build monuments in literature that will endure forever. But he left nothing but a few funeral panegyrics that are preserved only in the memory of men.

-If a lower strata of political dirt could be gotten down to than that of hunting an obscure paper and dragging the names of respectable women through its columns in connection with questions that were figuring in the contest, we do not know what depth would have to be reached. Such efforts get below even where the imagination of decent people could go.

General ALGER has reconsidered his determination expressed to remain in office as Secretary of War until the 1st of January next and has resigned to take effect on the first of August. This is gratifying to the extent that it gives hope of a partial release from ALGERISM almost at once.

But ALGER is going and that is something to be thankful for. Since the beginning of the Spanish war, the war office in Washington has been nothing but a political rendezvous. The lives of the soldiers, the comfort of the army and the hopes of the people have been sacrificed to the exigencies of partisan politics.

ALGER is going but CORBIN remains and his presence is a menace to the safety of the troops in the trenches on the other side of the globe. If he will change his methods the horrors of Santiago and the camps on the southern coast may be forgotten. But it is too much to hope for yet.

-Canada may be slow in some respects, but she inspires a wholesome regard for law and order by meting prompt and severe punishment to all offenders. Recently a young man was arraigned at Wolseley, Assinaboia, for "serious offences against morality" and before his crime was three days old he was sentenced to seven lashes and three years and six months in the penitentiary.

Mr. Gage's Currency Notions.

The Hon. LYMAN J. GAGE, Secretary of the Treasury, is a great (?) financier and a wise (?) man. He was imported the other day to issue gold certificates against deposits of gold coin in order that the vast quantity of gold in the bank vaults might be utilized for circulation.

It is conceivable that there might be an over issue of paper currency by the government. That is to say it is possible that an issue of paper currency far in excess of the specie in stock for its redemption might be hazardous. But to say that there could be an over issue of gold certificates when there is dollar for dollar of gold coin in the vaults to redeem it is so utter an absurdity as to provoke a smile on the countenance of a wooden Indian.

Besides there would be no expansion of the paper or any other currency by the process which Secretary GAGE deprecates. The gold currency in the bank vaults is idle largely for the reason that gold is inconvenient to handle. The substitution of certificates would not create competition with other paper currency.

-The United States commissioner at the international peace conference, now sitting at The Hague, voted against the proposition to prohibit the use of explosive bullets or r-phxyiated gases in future warfare, and he did right.

The Imperial Junketer.

The President has gone on another junket. Only three weeks ago while the soldiers around Manila were being pressed almost to the last extremes the President was junketing among the women's colleges of New England and relief measures, greatly needed were necessarily withheld until his return.

Meantime what chance have the troops in the Philippines to take rest and recreation? The Tenth regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, now happily homebound bound, were held to the trenches nearly six months after the expiration of their term of enlistment. But they got no vacation.

When the soldiers of the North and South were contending on the battle field from 1861 to 1865, President LINCOLN, never found it necessary to go on junketing expeditions to serve his pleasure or recruit his health. He took periodical trips, but they were not pleasure junkets.

Chairman RILLING has fixed August 9th, as the time, and Williamsport as the place, to formally notify the Democratic candidates of their nomination. J. C. MEYER Esq., of this place, will represent Centre, Clinton and Clearfield counties on that occasion.

All They Expect Them to Have.

A Republican contemporary, after a careful review of the shortcomings of the present administration and its wretched failures, consoles itself as follows: "But after all it is the manual toilers who elect Presidents, Governors and Representatives, give them food to eat, clothes to wear, and they will be content with things as they are.

A Difference in Malice.

After Capt. Watkins ran the magnificent steamer Paris on the rocks off the Manacles, he manfully took the blame. After President McKinley drove the ship of state onto the rocks and shoals of imperialism, where she is still pounding, he began to prevaricate about it.

The Kind of a Man Wanted.

At home "Farmer" Crensy commands and receives the respect and admiration of his neighbors irrespective of party affiliations; in the House of Representatives he is treated and received the same tribute from all the members, and his conduct throughout the entire session forces from all who watched the proceedings at Harrisburg the highest commendation.

Oh, No, It is Not Expensive.

Imperialism doesn't cost anything is one way of putting it. Let us see about that. We have had one year of it under McKinley, and notwithstanding war taxes aggregating \$100,000,000 the treasury ran behind \$80,000,000 the year closing July 1st.

Some of the Fruits.

The Philippine war has cost the government thus far \$83,000,000 in money and 664 men. Besides, about 6,500 soldiers have been wounded and many times that number have been made invalids. Yet the war seems no nearer an end than it was months ago.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Some 300 guests are at present quartered at the Bedford Mineral Springs hotel.

-Laborers in considerable numbers are leaving the coal regions for Pittsburg to work in the iron mills.

-A premature blast at Packer No. 5 Colliery, Shenandoah, instantly killed Michael McDonald.

-Herbert Windrows received such injuries in the Eleanor mines near DuBois Saturday as to cause death shortly after.

-Twelve buildings were burned at Forest City, six miles north of Carbondale, Monday, causing a loss of about \$60,000.

-A few nights ago miscreants entered the school grounds at Brookville and felled forty young maple trees which were growing finely.

-Two girl tramps arrived in Williamsport Saturday night in a box car, but before the officers could be summoned they made their escape.

-In an exciting battle with a lot of copper-head snakes, on Richard Edward's farm, near Shamokin, Hugh Jenkins killed seven of them.

-Squire Kennel, of Charleoi, Washington county, was Tuesday committed to jail, charged with a shortage of \$2500 as borough tax collector.

-John Lawles, who last May escaped from the prisoners' dock at Sunbury Court House, while awaiting trial for burglary, was recaptured Sunday at Shamokin.

-Thrown from a new bridge at Rupert, Columbia county, by the breaking of timbers, Paul Dillman, of Sunbury, and another workman, were injured, the latter fatally.

-Ex-Congressman A. C. Hopkins, of Lock Haven, has purchased 9,000 acres of coal land in the southern part of Clearfield county, along the Cambria county line. The price paid is said to be \$200,000.

-A terrific explosion occurred in the Redstone mine at Brownsville Monday morning. Three men were killed instantly and seventeen men are entombed. Many of the latter, it is feared, are dead.

-John Hill Jr., of McKeesport, died Monday from the results of squeezing a pimple on his face a week ago. A few days after he had squeezed the pimple blood poisoning set in, which resulted in death.

-James Borland, residing near Delmont, Westmoreland county, killed five grey foxes Thursday. The wily animals had been working on the hen roost and he tracked them to their lair, with the result stated.

-A hemlock tree was cut on M. Cassidy's job, near Cross Forks, that measured five feet in diameter at the stump, two and one half feet in diameter seventy-two feet from the stump and made 5,000 feet of lumber.

-Frank X. Hieregeist died at his home in Altoona, Thursday, from small pox. His disease was first diagnosed as chicken pox, and reported to the board of health. He had never been vaccinated. This is the second death from that disease in that locality.

-While Edwin Weitz, aged 25 years, was washing horses at his employer, A. F. Mertz, in the Schuylkill river at Reading, he was kicked on the head by one of the animals and knocked under the water. The kick rendered him unconscious and he drowned.

-Blair and Bedford county capitalists are installing a combined creamery, ice cream manufactory and cold storage at Martinsburg, Blair county. It will have a daily capacity of 1,000 pounds of butter and 300 gallons of ice cream, the product of 1500 cows.

-During the progress of a thunder storm in Lower Chanceford township, York county, Monday Joseph Miller, a farmer, was killed by lightning, and his wife was severely shocked. Both were sitting on a covered porch when the stroke came. A pair of steel-frame glasses Miller wore were melted from his face.

-The extensive yards of the Wise Lumber company at Winterburn, Clearfield county, burned Monday afternoon. The flames were fanned by a high wind, and help was called for from DuBois. Two steamers were sent, and after a stubborn fight the fire was gotten under control. The mill was saved. Loss about \$45,000; partly insured.

-Florence, the 16-month-old child of Frank Justison, of Village View, near Media died Monday after about a two weeks illness, that baffled the skill of physicians. A post-mortem examination revealed a tack embedded in the wall of the stomach, which was evidently the cause of death. The little one while sick was unable to eat.

-Peter Neuman, of near Hazelton, aged 14, was the victim of a horrible accident in Sandy Valley Saturday. He was at work on a threshing machine when he became entangled in the machinery. He was drawn into the threshing and was so terribly injured that he may die. His arm was almost torn from the socket and he was otherwise injured.

-James McIntyre, a wealthy farmer, of Blair township, Blair county, recently laid out a cemetery on his farm for the free use of his neighbors, no other being near. While putting the finishing touches to the work of fencing in the plot McIntyre was stricken with paralysis and died Saturday he was laid in the first grave to be dug in the new cemetery.

-Three thousand people who took advantage of the New York Central's cheap excursion to Gaines Sunday, saw Fay & Scott's well and the Atwell No. 8 shot. Both were successful. A callow youth who lit a cigarette near the latter well after the shooting caused an explosion, and the derrick and power house were burned to the ground, causing a heavy loss.

-A boiler explosion occurred at the Zadock Whitehill saw mill, in Wayne township, Greene county, Saturday evening. The explosion was terrific, Eli Whitehill, a son of the proprietor, being blown over 200 yards and killed. Another son was carried as great a distance, but alighted in a creek and was not seriously injured. The father, Zadock Whitehill, is reported fatally hurt.

-At an election of school teachers in Lower Pottsgrove township, Montgomery county, last week, provision was made that the young ladies shall not marry during the school term. A callow youth who lit a cigarette near the latter well after the shooting caused an explosion, and the derrick and power house were burned to the ground, causing a heavy loss.

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