

Ink Slings.

OOM, OOM PAUL, Is a husky old Boer, Who reigns in South Africa; He points his "Long Tom" At poor Ladysmith, And hits Doctor JAMESON'S knee.

—It looks as though Ladysmith would fall into the arms of the Dutch after all.

—In the light of recent events at Frankfort the Republicans intend holding Kentucky with bullets, if they can't do it with ballots.

—General BULLER'S great "turning movement" was much like a new leaf turning at New Year's. It didn't stay turned long.

—When the friends of Governor STONE in the North ward turn out to vote for Justice it will probably be seen that they are not all dead yet.

—This is ground hog day in South Africa, but signs can't be expected to hold good down there. It would take more than a shadow to frighten a Boer into his laager.

—Spring township primary elections seem to be developing ballot box stuffers. In one precinct they had six more votes polled at the primaries on Saturday than they have voters.

—If reports be true as to the number of armed men in Kentucky one might imagine the Blue Grass shooters to be preparing to take a fall out of England after the Boers get through with her.

—Gen BULLER'S consoling telegram that there would "be no turning back" was of but momentary consolation to the British. He didn't turn until he reached Spion Kop, but there the Boers changed his mind and he hasn't stopped running yet.

—GOEBEL has taken the oath of office as Governor of Kentucky and further bloodshed seems imminent. It is a great calamity when the partisan animosity of people leads them to commit murder in order to hold the reins of government.

—The Czar of Russia, having tied the Shah of Persia up in a mortgage that will hold that peninsula under Russian domination for seventy-five years, can now tell Queen VICTORIA to add another to the long list of bitter doses she has had to take recently.

—Every time a Boer gun goes off some English security takes a tumble. JOHN BULL has discovered that OOM PAUL is not only a Boer but is about the worst bear that ever struck terror to English stock gamblers. Being a Boer in the eyes of nations and a bear in stock exchange parlance OOM PAUL doubtless takes a step further and becomes a lion in Pretoria social circles.

—The sugar trust controls the output of the Hawaiian islands and it is admitted to this country free of duty. Poor, half starved, hurricane devastated Porto Rico is the island that came to us with open arms, but the Republican tariff mongers say her little production of sugar must be tariffed. Porto Rican sugar is controlled by individuals, Hawaiian sugar is controlled by a trust, that is the difference.

—BOURKE COCHRAN, the New York leader who deserted the Democracy in 1896 to lend his matchless oratory to the election of McKINLEY, has just made the (?) startling discovery that his course was a mistake. It is the old case of hind sight being better than fore sight and BOURKE does not hesitate to admit it. He has been disappointed in the President he abandoned his life long friends to help to elect and now says his Philippine usurpation "threatens to effect a divorce between our flag and our constitution by unfurling the one over countries where the other cannot exist."

—Statistics are always cold and sometimes they are very unpleasant facts to contemplate. For instance, last week was published a statement of the number of bachelors and spinsters in the country. The figures showed that there are more than two million eligible bachelors in the country in excess of the eligible spinsters. Side by side with this table was the annual report of warden E. S. Wright, warden of the western penitentiary, which shows that the number of male convicts in that institution has decreased a third within a year or so. Now if a logician were to take up this work of the statistician he would probably trace the shrinkage in convicts to the fact that fewer men are getting married these days. They are not running such desperate risks, nowadays, and fewer of them are going to the pen.

—The young colored men of the town have organized a social club that intends to make itself felt at the coming election. While the object of the club is not political, yet the foxy organizers hope to raise a few month's rent in that way and the "good long green," alone, will be the key that will turn their shouting either for WALKER or BLANCHARD. They passed very strict resolutions against taking liquor in bottles or any other vessel than the natural one into the club, but they voted down LEANDER GREEN'S proposition to open all meetings with prayer. Their failure to adopt LEANDER'S resolution wasn't so much to deprive him of a chance to give vent to his spiritual feelings as it was because of the fact that they haven't decided yet whom to pray for, as neither one of the nominees for burgess has "come down with the dough."

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Striking the Business Bowlder of Expansion.

The way to such glory as Mr. McKINLEY sought, through imperialism and expansion, he now finds strewn with business bowlders and blockaded with commercial troubles. Accustomed to determine no graver questions of state-craft than those required to satisfy a constituency that clamored for office and could be appeased with garden seeds, and with a knowledge of practical business that extended no further than the demands of the mortgages MARK HANNA still holds over him, he went into the presidential chair knowing as little of the demands that would be made upon him, or how to meet and properly dispose of them, as anyone who ever warmed a cushion in the White House.

He imagined that if he could glorify himself that the country would be satisfied. That to do this it was only necessary to annex something and extend his power. That annexation would make offices, that this would satisfy his friends, and that others would be content to wave the flag and cheer for the new CESAR.

To this idea he has clung as persistently as does a burdock-burr to a colly's tail. No matter what annoyance or disgrace, or cost or suffering it brought to the country and the people, Mr. McKINLEY believed it was necessary to his "greatness" and that it would add to his glory to govern more lands and more people than others who have occupied the same position have done, and he has worked continuously to that end.

In his efforts and ambitions he has forgotten, or possibly did not know, that annexation would bring serious and troublesome questions that, no matter how settled, would dim the "glory" of expansion in the eyes of some. He is only now beginning to realize it.

He has gathered in Hawaii, with its sugar plantations, its leprosy, its plagues and its pestilences. He has grabbed Porto Rico, with its tobacco growers and paupers, its sugar cane and debts. And out of these two have already sprung troubles that he thought not of, and questions that determine in any way, can bring but division and disaster to his supposed popularity.

These questions are as to the positions these two acquisitions now occupy. Both Hawaiians and Porto Ricans contend that they belong to and are part of the United States; that annexation makes them such and that being part of this government they are entitled to such privileges and benefits as other parts enjoy. And this contention seems just. But it disturbs Mr. McKINLEY'S peace of mind and clouds his hopes of re-election.

If annexation annexes and the constitution means anything, then these islands are entitled to free trade with the United States. Any protectionist, and Mr. McKINLEY is one of them, can tell you what "free trade" with either of the islands he is grabbing for, means to the tobacco growers and the sugar beet and cane producers of this country.

It is this question of commercial intercourse with our own possessions that is the thorn in the crown of our new CESAR. It is the first business bowlder that seems to block the way to the greatness and glory that Mr. McKINLEY aspired to. How he will surmount it remains to be seen.

We who are not with him, who have no care for his ambitions, or no faith in his professions, can afford to wait and see.

Where Bosses Wait Their Turn.

It is beginning to have the appearance of a long—possibly a very long—wait for Mr. QUAY before he again occupies a seat in the United States Senate. Other matters, which in the eyes of Senators are of more importance to the country, demand their attention and the Pennsylvania boss is to be left, tramp like, knocking at the door until it suits their convenience to determine the legality of the credentials he presents. It is possibly the first time in the political career of this dictator of Republican action that he has been compelled to await the pleasure of any politician or the demands of any business. And this shows that if Mr. QUAY is omnipotent in Pennsylvania he is not elsewhere, and that there are men who believe that public questions are just as deserving of attention as is Mr. QUAY'S itch for official place.

It is refreshing to know that such is the case. It elevates one's opinion of manhood to understand that there are Republicans, somewhere, who cannot be bossed. It increases your admiration for men who have minds of their own. It enables you to think of a United States Senator with some degree of respect. It shows that there are a few men wearing the ear marks of Republicanism whose necks are not sore from the collar of the boss.

For this much we should be thankful. And still the anti-imperialists cry that the war is a failure.

The Returning Prodigal.

We don't wonder that Democrats who went off after false gods four years ago and assisted in the election of McKINLEY are showing signs of repentance and an anxiety to assist in undoing the wrongs they have helped to commit. It is not strange that they should. Say or think what we please of the gold Democrats, most of them were at least honest in their views. They actually believed that a financial policy that can be changed whenever a Congress and a President take such hold on otherwise sensible men.

Time has shown many of them the folly of going wrong over an idea—the idiosyncrasy of losing their heads over a policy. It has demonstrated how little of principle there was in the money question, and how much of principle they overlooked in trying to make it the grave question they undertook to believe it was.

Events have shown of how little importance it was to the people what their money standard should be when compared with the vital questions that an imperialistic President has forced upon the country.

To Mr. McKINLEY'S success can be attributed the effects of imperialism that we are forced to combat; the costs and cruelties of a wicked war to secure enforced expansion; the great hold that grasping trusts have secured upon the business of the country; the hopes of subsidy beggars for governmental assistance in grinding the life out of legitimate trade and their prospects of crushing all competition; and the thousand other wrongs that have sprung from his administration, any one of which far over shadows, in evils they inflict upon the honor, the hopes or the welfare of the country, any determination that might have been made of the money question.

To these Democrats can be attributed the success of the evils that now surround us, and the dangers that confront us. It is to be wondered then that they shrink from the results of their own work and are anxious to repair the wrongs they have done, so far as it is within their power to repair them?

It is to be hoped that their work of repentance will be as earnest and effective as was their effort in the cause of those who have committed the wrongs the country has to complain of.

The Goebel Shooting in Kentucky.

Based upon the illogical assumption that two wrongs make a right most of the papers of Pennsylvania are apologizing for the murderous assault upon Senator GOEBEL, at Frankfort, Kentucky, on Tuesday afternoon, and reading between their lines even the most obtuse can observe that they are the glad of shooting and hope that he will die.

As to whether Senator GOEBEL has really been the fire-brand in Kentucky politics that his traducers would have the public believe him to be, no one not personally acquainted with the situation in that State is competent to say. It is certain, however, that a great railroad corporation made a desperate effort to defeat Senator GOEBEL for Governor, using its far reaching influence against him. This resulted in the bitterest political fight in years and when TAYLOR was declared successful all manner of charges of fraud were made by both sides. The Legislature was in the act of investigating; with new discoveries daily adding to GOEBEL'S claim to the seat, when the frightful climax came and he was fired upon by an assassin concealed in one of the capitol buildings.

It is a most deplorable denouement. And the man or party of men who have thought to bolster up their political chicanery by murdering an opponent have diverged so greatly from the honorable path as to martyrize GOEBEL and cement his friends into an organization that will control Kentucky for years to come.

GOEBEL may have been a dangerous element in politics in the Blue Grass State, but was he any more so than those who fought him and have not hesitated to convince the world of their guilt against the ballot by attempting murder in support of it?

—Who will say that we have no returns from the Philippines? Who will cry that war there has been without results? Who will allege that the sowing of Mr. McKINLEY'S ambition has borne no fruit? The transports that a few months ago were crowded carrying brave boys to a cruel and needless war, in those far away islands, are now returning with their gruesome loads of victims. On the 29th ult., the city of Pekin brought back to San Francisco 155 bodies. Each returning transport, it is said, will carry an equal, if not greater, number of stark, cold, forms back to the stricken ones at home.

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An Appropriation to Maintain Polygamy.

It will now be in order for Congress, that has devoted four weeks of its time to the investigation and expulsion of one of its regularly elected members, charged with the offense of being a polygamist, to proceed to vote an appropriation to pay the Sultan of Sulu a salary sufficient to keep his one hundred and fifty wives and the cost of protecting him and his polygamous outfit, as contracted to be done by Mr. McKINLEY.

It is a terrible thing in the eyes of some people for an American constituency to elect, as its representative, a man with three wives. But to the same eyes it appears to be no offense against either decency or morals for the President of the United States to pay the clout-clothed Sultan of Sulu, whose only glory consists in the fact that he owns one hundred and fifty wives, twelve hundred and fifty dollars a year for flying the American flag over his dirty harem.

If you'll keep your eye on Congress you'll see that the very fellows who talked the loudest about the "purity of our homes" and the protection of "public morals," while the ROBERTS case was on, will be the very first to answer "aye" when McKINLEY'S appropriation to maintain and protect polygamy in the Sulu islands is asked.

Watch this matter and see how inconsistent some people are, and when it's all over you'll know much more about the hollowness of public professions than you do now.

A Statement That Belittles The Man.

A few weeks since Prof. HAMILTON, who is now at the head of the Agricultural Department of the State, surprised the farmers, and particularly those who knew his views upon the subject of taxation prior to his appointment to office, with the statement that corporations now pay the bulk of taxation in Pennsylvania. On making this statement Mr. HAMILTON simply allows himself to be used as the mouth-piece of the ring that gives him position. He knows better. He has shown the falsity of the figures, he now bases his argument upon, on thousands times, both in private and in public. If it wasn't for the office he holds, and the fact that he couldn't hold it ten minutes if he did not do what the ring he represents requires of him, you wouldn't hear any such blather out of him.

Mr. HAMILTON knows just as well as does any one else that the total amount of taxation collected for all purposes in the State amounts to \$46,000,000 a year. He knows, also, that of this amount corporations pay but \$14,000,000. He knows that corporations pay no county, road, school, poor, street, borough or other local taxes, and yet with a full knowledge of these figures and facts, and in the face of almost a life time preaching just the reverse, he now comes to the front in his official capacity and attempts to deceive farmers and others with a juggling of figures and a familiarity with false statements that would do credit to the veriest tool the ring has its clutches upon.

People who have known Professor HAMILTON had a different opinion of his manliness and his desire to be at least considered honest in his professions and beliefs. They know better now. His last utterance shows him to be no more truthful than the gang he represents, and no more honest than the other creatures who are willing to wear the collar of the boss for the sake of the paltry salary it yields.

—A fact that some people should get into their noggin and keep there when the fishing season opens is that they cannot fish upon anybody's land, or in any stream that is the private property of any person, firm or corporation, without the privilege of doing so by the owners. It has been believed that in a stream, stocked by the State, or whether stocked by it or not, if the fisherman waded and did not trespass upon the lands adjoining it, he had a right to fish at any time. This is not correct. Judge ALBRIGHT, of Lehigh county, has just handed down a decision relating to the rights of fishermen and owners of streams. He rules that a fisherman is guilty of trespass who enters a stream and fishes without the consent of the land owners, although he wades the stream and does not touch dry land; and the fact that the State has stocked the stream does not make of it a public stream. This decision is a good thing to remember, if those who have heretofore thought otherwise want to save themselves trouble.

—Over in Clearfield county both Representatives HARRIS and ALEXANDER want to go back to Harrisburg. The former is an avowed QUAY man and the latter an anti; but what Clearfield needs more than this Republican 'alf and 'alf is real Democratic bourbon in her legislative decoction.

—Congressman J. K. P. HALL voted to exclude ROBERTS, the Mormon.

Lawyers and Judges are the Same the World Over.

From the Scottsdale Independent. The Greensburg Bar Association has passed resolutions strongly in favor of a new court house. A litigant was heard remark the other day that the Bar Association should raise strong resolutions requesting more energy in expediting the business of the courts. It was said a decision in a case in the argument court argued early in January, 1899, has never been rendered yet. Such delay should not be. With two judges on the bench the public business should not be delayed beyond from one court to the next term.

England's Troubles are not All in South Africa.

From the York Gazette. The horrible famine in India, which affects 22,000,000 persons in British territory and 27,000,000 in native states, ought to arouse the sympathy of the world. It has been able to reach less than 4,000,000 with relief. And the utter hopelessness of the situation becomes apparent when we learn that the revenues by which the famine must be fought are raised in India and in large part right in the famine districts.

What We are Annexing!

The startling statement made public by Major W. H. Daly, who was chief surgeon of the staff of General Miles during the recent war, and the man whose report embalmed beef used by our troops during the war caused such general comment, in response to a question as to his opinion regarding the annexation of the Philippines He says: "I am of the opinion that we are certainly annexing leprosy, pestilence, the plague and possibly other evils that may cause sorrow, vexation, expense and complications, for which we as a nation will have an uncertain compensation in any possible commercial or territorial advantage."

"The islands to my mind have very little commercial value, while American labor can never compete with labor there. It is in 1897 the world shared India's sorrow and contributed hundreds of thousands of pounds toward the relief funds," the Viceroy points out, "India now will have to struggle alone, for the thought of every Englishman in the world are centered on South Africa. It will be the duty of the government to pursue the task of saving millions of lives, and it will spend its last rupee, if necessary to do so."

WE HAVE ENOUGH AT HOME.

"We have in our own great country sufficient undeveloped land to take care of without annexing other against the will of its rightful owners. The island of Cuba is rich in its natural resources and taken by the United States is discussing dead issues burning questions which should receive most earnest attention are relegated to the rear."

"As Mr. Carnegie further said: 'The unthinking people of this country may be termed the nation's drift, who are without individual volition and are carried into the common current. The American people are capable of thinking, but they do not stop in their hurried career of private occupation to do more than get their cue from those interested from personal motives.'"

SOBER THOUGHT ELBOWED ASIDE. "As a consequence sober thought is elbowed aside by volatile impulses and the nation's drift has no definite idea as to what shore it will eventually reach, in its aimless journey, or whether it shall ever find a resting place beyond the distant and uncertain seas, to which course it is apparently moving."

"It is seldom that I am so impressed by the logic and wisdom of any man as I have been by these words of Andrew Carnegie. To think that a man of such great wealth, who could, if he desired, turn everything to his own gain, should voice such sentiments, is a commentary on his greatness."

The Irish Joan of Arc Arrives.

NEW YORK, January 29.—Miss Mand Gonne, the Irish Joan of Arc, arrived today on the steamer La Normandie from Havre. Miss Gonne could say but little about her future movements in this country beyond the fact that she would stay a month and then hurry back to Ireland, as her time was fully engaged there. She will address several meetings in the interest of the Boers.

Wants Cuba Evacuated on July 4.

WASHINGTON, January 26.—Mr. Clayton, of Alabama, today introduced a resolution providing that on July 4, 1900, the military and naval forces of the United States be withdrawn from the island of Cuba, and that the government thereof be left to the Cuban people.

—There are ten applicants for the position of postmaster of Altoona and Congressman THORP now has a beautiful chance to even up with some of his Blair county friends (?) and it is quite likely that he won't waste much time heaping coals of fire on any of their heads.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—The limestone quarries of Grafton, Huntingdon county, are to be opened next April under the supervision of the Saxton furnace.

—Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, of Washington, D. C., has presented to Mercersburg Academy a portrait of ex-President James Buchanan, her uncle.

—Rev. J. C. F. Rupp, pastor of the Lutheran church of Scottsdale, recently tendered his resignation to the council of the congregation which was accepted.

—M. P. Shoemaker, one of Hempfield township's (Westmoreland county) most progressive farmers on Tuesday butchered two thoroughbred Chester white hogs, one of which dressed 592½ and the other 708 pounds.

—Professor James Alvan Eldon, a member of the normal school faculty, died at 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning at the Lock Haven hospital. Professor Eldon's age was 31 years, and his death was due to a disease of the brain.

—At Williamsport, Wednesday afternoon a Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites Masons, was instituted. Hon. James H. Coddling, thirty-third degree sovereign grand inspector general, of Towanda, the officer in charge.

—Edward Kyles, of Sand Hill, was struck and killed by a street car at Montoursville Thursday night at midnight. His skull was crushed and his body terribly mangled. Among the passengers in the car was a niece of the man who was killed.

—A gift of \$50,000 has just been made to Susquehanna university, at Selinsgrove, for the purpose of building a ladies' dormitory, gymnasium and an addition to the preparatory building. The name of the donor is being withheld for the present.

—The Clearfield Game Protective Association brought suit last week against Christ Weber and Aaron Reiter of Troutville, for killing a deer last June at the headwaters of Curry run. The young men promptly paid the costs and the fine of \$100.

—William Zeigler and George Keller while cutting saw logs on the lands of Charles Williams, in Napier township, Bedford county, last week cut a tree that they got 180 pounds of honey out of. They got one comb of honey out without a break that was six feet long.

—When Henry Parsons McKee, of Watson-town, awoke Monday morning, he found that his wife, who had retired in good health, was dead. Mrs. McKee was the daughter of the late Robert Buck, supervisor on the P. and E. road. She is survived by her husband and several children.

—Judge John I. Mitchell, of the superior court, who suffered an attack of paralysis on Thursday, at Wellsboro, was able to walk about yesterday. Dr. Bacon, the attending physician, says that unless some unforeseen complication arises the judge will have completely recovered in a few days.

—The buildings at the Altoona Driving park, two miles south of Altoona, including the grand stand, stables and fences, caught fire at 8 o'clock Friday evening and were totally destroyed. It is supposed that tramps were taking shelter in one of the stables and set fire to the straw. The destruction of the buildings is a total loss to the association.

—The Watons town car works has been purchased by a party of manufacturers from Camden, who will take possession in a few days and convey the plant into a modern plant for the manufacture of brass novelties and dynamo. They have bought all the land between the foundry proper and the railroad, and contemplate extensive additions and improvements.

—The case of Charles, 10-year-old son of Edward Delong, of Winterburne, puzzles all doctors and hospital authorities who have seen or treated it. A year ago the boy was attacked with a skin disease, then pronounced eczema. Recently the disease has grown so malignant that the sufferer's fingers have rotted and fallen off. In hope of saving his life the boy's left arm has been amputated above the elbow. Some opinions have pronounced the disease leprosy.

—It will be of some interest to our readers to learn that at Altoona Monday, for the thirty-third time in fourteen years, Nick DeBella and his wife, Rolles, before an alderman, entered into an agreement to separate, and papers were drawn up to fit the conclusions they had arrived at, the same being duly signed, and now each is traveling up and down the wild thoroughfares of a cold and unsympathetic world alone and destitute of the comforts and bliss of home and domestic felicity.

—During the five weeks that Grant Miller, aged 33 years, of near Milton, has been an inmate of the Williamsport hospital he has lost an even hundred pounds, but is not by any means a skeleton now, as he tips the beam at 266 pounds. Miller was taken to the hospital to have his legs treated. They had refused to carry his avoirdupois and after a consultation the doctors decided that they would never be equal to the task, so they began dieting him with the result stated. Miller feels much better and is glad he is getting thinner.

—Anthur and Luther Callahan Saturday killed a bear in an unusual way, near Canaan. They were working in the Black Forest near a lumber camp Friday afternoon, when a bear was sighted. They secured a gun and wounded the bear, but darkness compelled them to give up the chase. Early Saturday morning they tracked the bear to his den. Bruin showed fight immediately and Anthur, in his haste to shoot, missed the bear, but the bullet striking a tree, glanced off and hit the bear, which fell dead in its tracks. It weighed nearly 300 pounds.

—George R. Taylor, aged 73 years, was killed by the west bound passenger train on the Beech Creek railroad at the foot of West street in Williamsport Thursday morning. The old man was picking coal along the tracks when he was struck by a train.

—A body was rolled under the cow catcher and dragged about two rods before the train came to a stand still. He was alive when taken out from under the engine, but died before the train could be backed to the depot. His body was terribly mangled. He was a veteran of the civil war and one of his sons is now with the United States army in Cuba. His wife, tw