

Ink Stings.

CARTER'S or DEWITT'S aren't in it, as a universal mover, with April 1st.

The Boers seem to be still able to set a trap and the English just as able to walk into it.

Well the robins had their snow Wednesday morning, now isn't it about time to do something for the chippies?

It didn't take the Boers long to demonstrate that, even if General JOUBERT is dead and General CRONJE in captivity, "there are others."

If England continues deporting Boers to St. Helena, the first thing she knows there will be so many of them there that they will take the island.

Now that the south pole has been found, the Centre County Centennial Commission might get it and grease it and have some one try to climb it during the celebration.

The Hon. BILL ANDREWS moved into Allegheny county to get sent to the Legislature, but the Allegheny countians voted on the matter Saturday, and the verdict of their ballots was that BILL might just as well have stayed where he was.

The Prince of Wales has announced his intention not to go to the Paris Exposition. There seems to be nothing left for us to do but stay at home now, for if AL isn't going there will be no one there we really care to associate with.

Those who are knocking hardest on President MCKINLEY these days are the fellows who were hottest for him four years ago. They will probably forget all their grievances by the time he is renominated and march up and vote the same as they have done all their lives.

The Ladies' Home Journal is of the opinion that no person can do good brain work after eating a hearty meal, therefore, it advises only one hearty meal during the day, and that one at 6 o'clock p. m.

Other States have railed at Pennsylvania because she has permitted a man who is owned by another, to be her Governor. What of all the States in the Union and the federal government now? Why soon the grand old Eagle of the Republic will refuse to subsist on such carrion as we are.

Philadelphia would doubtless like to have a little of that Porto Rican tariff idea to pervade the \$100,000 she is trying to raise to secure the Republican National Convention.

The hall of fame which some unknown gentleman has just offered to build for the University of New York, at a cost of \$100,000, is to be merely a gorgeous receptacle for tablets bearing the names of illustrious Americans.

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A Prosperity That is Not for the People.

Evidently there is not that prosperity in the country that Republican papers would have the public believe, or, if there is, it is not the kind that brings plenty and contentment to all classes of our citizens.

Strikes certainly are not an evidence of prosperity. And to-day there are more strikes threatened, more strikes in full operation, and more strikes in the process of settlement, than have been known in this country since 1892.

For months past soldiers have been on duty in the Couer d' Alene mining district, trying to settle a strike that has been on there for almost a year. For over three months the carpenters and masons, bricklayers and painters of Chicago, have been striking for wages that will allow them a decent living in these times of trust prices for everything their necessities require.

On Thursday of last week the closing scenes of another act, showing the extent to which Republican teachings and the rapaciousness of Republican desires will cause men to go, was witnessed at Glendive, Montana. It was the hanging of a Republican sheriff for the assassination of his successful Democratic rival, in order that a vacancy might be created, to which he hoped to be appointed.

In 1898, a Republican by name of HURST and a Democrat by name of CAVANAUGH were the respective party candidates for the office of sheriff. CAVANAUGH was successful by a small majority. A few days after the result was announced his dead body was found in an alley where he had been assassinated. The board of County Commissioners were Republicans and HURST was at once given the office.

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"Bill" ANDREWS knows now how it goes to run up against a machine. He may not be, politically, quite as much cock of the walk as he was this time last week, nor may he appear so immaculate and important to his admirers, but he has reason to be a much wiser man than he was then.

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The evidence of this is in the wrinkled bellies, the ragged backs and the discontent of the workmen, and in the empty pockets and growing store accounts of the farmer.

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Possibly ANDREWS was just what these people say he was, but if the result of his contest had turned out differently, what a different opinion we would have had from them. Then his success would have been a QUAY victory from beginning to end, and ANDREWS the chosen instrument through which it was secured.

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Wasted Efforts.

That complaint should be made, to Mr. MCKINLEY'S Secretary of State, by the Red Cross Society, that medicine, surgical supplies, bandages, etc., forwarded from this country to the sick and wounded Boers, have been held up by the British is not surprising. But that he should be expected to enter the protest of the government or in any way show that this administration disapproves of such acts on the part of its English allies, is looking for something that will never be realized.

From the day the British authorities determined to blot the little Republics of South Africa from the maps of the world, there has been no more pious tool or subservient supporter of that power than President MCKINLEY. The exporters of this country found that out when their vessels, laden with American wheat, were seized by British officials in Delagoa bay on suspicion that their cargoes were intended for the Boer markets. It was verified by the refusal of customs officers, acting under orders from Washington, to clear vessels carrying medicine, nurses or supplies of any kind, for the relief of the Boers.

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Where the Responsibility Rests.

That the Republican party will resort to murder for the purpose of maintaining power and securing the emoluments of office, is a pretty tough charge to make. Yet there are facts that go to prove its truth, and our records, in at least two States of the Union, that furnish substantial evidence of the strongest character.

In Kentucky the evidence is undeniable, and must stand unimpeached, that the cowardly assassination of the Democratic Governor-elect, was a cold-blooded, deliberate, political murder—committed by Republicans for the sole purpose, and in the hope, of perpetuating Republican power, and securing for Republican heeled the emoluments of official positions.

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The Lives That Coal Mining Costs.

From the Huntington, W. Va. The forthcoming report of James Roderick, chief of the State Bureau of Mines and Mining, will contain some interesting data in regard to the loss of life in mine accidents during the past 30 years. During the period from 1870 to 1879 the average yearly loss of life was 215; in the period from 1880 to 1889 the average yearly loss was 312, while during the past ten years the average yearly loss has been 430.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

Clearfield is to have a new hospital. A meeting of prominent citizens was held recently and an organization effected.

In the school district of New Paris, Bedford county, the measles are epidemic, 102 cases being reported and three deaths.

A few nights ago thieves broke into the jewelry store of A. G. Rugh at New Alexandria, Westmoreland county, and stole valuables amounting to \$200.

The Patton Clay Brick Manufacturing company is building an addition to its plant at Patton. The new building will be of brick and 12x30 feet in size.

While George Pearson and "Pikey" Bloom were engaged in a friendly wrestling bout in Lewisston Friday Pearson fell under Bloom and the former sustained a fracture of one of his legs.

John B. Smith, of Vail, who lost his arm by an accident in the Tyrone division yard on the 7th of July last, has been appointed switch tender at the Summit and assumed the duties of the place Monday. This will be the first work he has done since the accident occurred.

Mrs. Mary Ferguson, of New Bloomfield, died recently at the home of her son-in-law, ex-Senator Charles H. Smiley, in her 93rd year. Until a short time ago Mrs. Ferguson was in the best of health and retained all her faculties except sight. For several years her eyes were slightly impaired.

Miss Kate Klemm had never seen a gas jet until she went to work in Jacob Fisher's house, Johnstown, Wednesday. Members of the family instructed her in its operation. During the night she grew curious and evidently opened the valve. She was found dead in bed next morning.

Frank Hinkel, employed at the Standard Steel works, of Lewisston, while working in the steel furnace department Friday placed his left hand on the track of one of the electric cranes, when his hand was caught under the wheels of the crane, crushing off the fingers and so crushing the hand that amputation at the wrist was necessary.

The Indiana Gazette says that on last Saturday Bigler Bros., of Clearfield filed for record in the records office in that county deeds for twelve tracts of coal in Canoe township, aggregating about 768 acres. The price paid was \$38.70 per acre and is the highest yet paid in Indiana county, as the coal is said to be the best in the county.

A fine new Methodist church was dedicated at Punxsutawney recently, which has a seating capacity, including the Sunday school room, of 1,200. It cost \$35,000 and could not be duplicated now for \$40,000. Bishop C. C. McCabe was present and succeeded in raising the \$5,000 needed to pay all bills very easily. The organ will be furnished by Andrew Carnegie and will be one of the best.

For some months past the Huntington and Broad Top railroad has been experimenting with the system of running its trains by telephone and General Manager Carl M. Gage has announced his purpose to adopt the system permanently. It is claimed for it that its use largely reduces the possibility of errors in the transmission of train orders and reports over the method of the telegraph.

A dispatch from Pittsburg says the first woman lodger in the McKees Rocks police station appeared Wednesday night. She was accompanied by her husband, who gave his name as William Conroy and his occupation as a laborer. They have traveled on foot and freight trains from Topeka, Kansas, according to the woman's statement, and are bound for Lock Haven. They have been on the road since last October.

The proposed Buffalo branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad will run through Bradford. It will start at Wilcox, Pa., and follow a route across the ridges by the way of Lafayette, McKean county. In that vicinity it will cross a deep and mountainous gorge with a steel viaduct nearly five hundred feet high. The bridge will be over three thousand feet in length and its construction will be one of the greatest engineering feats on record. It will be the highest bridge in the world.

The work on the electric lighting of the Gallitzin tunnel has been completed. Two hundred incandescent lamps, arranged along either side of the tunnel at a uniform distance apart, have been put in and they furnish excellent illumination. A private plant has been established for the lights. It is the purpose of the Pennsylvania Railroad company to equip most of the large tunnels along its lines with electric lights. This has been done in a majority of cases, but there remain a few tunnels yet to be equipped.

David Lansberry, a carpenter in the employ of Harbison-Walker Co., the well known fire brick manufacturers at Woodland, is lying at the point of death at his home in the latter place, the result of a serious accident which happened to him on Wednesday afternoon of last week. While engaged in putting in some new timbers under the "twicer" machine, he stepped aside just as the elevator was coming down with a load of brick and was struck on the shoulder by an extended bolt which crushed him down, in a backward position, with the result that his back was broken. Several physicians have been consulted at his side in the hope of saving his life, but they say he has only one chance out of ten. He is a married man, aged about 43 years, and besides his wife has one daughter and one son.

The body of George M. Wilson, son of E.S. Wilson, formerly of Philipsburg was brought home from the Philippines and buried at Curwensville the other day with military honors. On December 10th, 1898, he enlisted in Co E, 12th, U. S. Infantry at Clearfield. His regiment was ordered to the Philippines, April 14th, 1899, they landed in Manila and were immediately assigned to active duty. Young Wilson with five others were out on a scouting expedition along the Pasig river the latter part of April. On returning to camp they were fired upon by the enemy hidden along the river bank. It will probably never be known just how the accident happened, as every one was anxious to get out of the boat to cover, but in the scramble young Wilson was drowned in the river. His body was recovered and buried in Manila. His parents and friends corresponded with the War Department and finally got the body sent home, the Quay case, and the friends of the former Senator from Pennsylvania made things lively for half an hour.