

Ink Slings.

—How about the Delaware peach crop now?

—FUNSTON will probably have some foolish imitators in South Africa.

—Because February lingered long into March is that any reason why March should hang onto April? For if March can April May also.

—The days are getting longer, the nights shorter and the pestilence that walketh in darkness has to get a gait on to get around by daylight.

—TOM JOHNSON and three cent car fares won in Cleveland. They have TOM for mayor, sure enough, but three cent car fares are to get yet.

—The Czar of Russia has been shot at again. My, how unpleasant it must be for that worthy to go through life looking like a man "who has been shot at and missed."

—A lamp trust is to be the next combination of capital to rob the people, but we have a chance to get even by keeping things dark until we put the light of this new octopus out.

—The only thing the Republicans have left of the original GUFFEY ballot bill, as it was introduced in the Legislature, is the name and it was spared solely for purposes of deception.

—It is strange that no museum managers have come to the front with offers for AGUINALDO. Perhaps they are all so hot foot after CARRIE NATION that they have lost sight of the Filipino chieftain.

—"Golden Rule" JONES, the re-elected Mayor of Toledo, might follow his rule in everything else, but he certainly doesn't do it in office getting. There, it is do your opponents or they will do you.

—The Bellefonte chicken hen that laid two eggs at one time on Saturday must have feared a run on her bank about Easter, else she certainly would not have been so foolish as to work over time in such a way.

—The proposition to have bull fights at the Buffalo exposition "devoid of all cruelty" sounds nice, but a bull fight devoid of cruelty would be about as much of a bull fight as a prize fight devoid of punching would be a prize fight.

—The Look Haven young man who is now languishing in jail for having licked his father would probably be occupying a far more honorable position to-day had his father licked him more, when he was able to do it.

—An alarm clock went off and scared a woman to death at Pardee, Mercer county, a few days ago, which simply goes to show to what extremes that alarm clock went. If it couldn't wake her up in this world it fixed her so that she would wake up in the next.

—Over five thousand of the thirteen thousand votes cast at the recent election in Kansas City, Kansas, were polled by women and a Democratic mayor was elected for the first time since 1836. What a sensible lot the women of Kansas City must be.

—China has declined to sign the Manchu convention and Russia is mad, of course. We were mad, too, about the Philippines until Mr. FUNSTON went over and caught AGUINALDO and now President McKINLEY has invited the ex-Filipino president and dictator to visit him.

—Now that the notorious Philadelphia public building commission has been dissolved there will be a hustling around for milk, laundering and other private necessities that have been made public expenses through that channel for years, by the machine leaders whose sole means of subsistence was the commission.

—HETTY GREEN and "Uncle" RUSSEL SAGE are both worried for fear ANDY CARNEGIE will be compelled to end his days in a poor house. There is not much danger, but if it should come to the worst we are willing to chip in an extra portion so that poor HETTY and "Uncle" RUSSEL won't be compelled to help keep him.

—If President McKINLEY is very greatly perturbed to know just what to do with AGUINALDO we would suggest that he appoint him Minister Penitentiary and Ambassador Oforthorodinary to MANS AGGIE has been "up in the air" before and would probably get to his post about as quick as the next one.

—Under the latest senatorial apportionment bill proposed Centre and Clearfield counties are made a district to be known as the Thirtieth. While such should undoubtedly be considered as a Republican district, yet it would be a more hopeful one to the Democracy than any of the others proposed. Clinton is to be cut off and put in with Cameron, Elk, Forest and Clarion to form the Thirty-eighth district.

—The recently discovered frauds in the commissary department of the army at Manila promise a greater scandal in governmental circles than the RATHBONE-NEELY postal malfeasance in Cuba. The Filipinos are doubtless being much enlightened by the beneficent occupation of the United States. First their cities were polluted with grog shops, now they are shown that the white benefactor (?) even though he has a Bible in one hand and a sword in another, still has another one to steal with, wherever the opportunity presents itself.

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Archbald the Winner.

The problem which was distracting the powerful (?) mind of the President a week ago and in which the people of this country so deep an interest has since been solved and in a manner adverse to our distinguished fellow citizen. That is to say since the last edition of the WATCHMAN was issued from the office of publication, the Judge of the Federal District court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania has been appointed, and the favor did not, as we fondly hoped it would, come to Judge LOVE. Whether this result is attributable to the fact that Senator QUAY has greater influence with the administration than WILLIAM McKINLEY, that the President reversed his opinion as to which LOVE or ARCHBALD was the greater evil, has not been revealed. But as a matter of fact ARCHBALD has been appointed and LOVE is left, so to speak.

Referring to this matter last week we endeavored to give what might be called judicial impartiality, the relative claims of both these aspirants for executive favor and judicial honors. The President, it appears, concluded after mature deliberation that ARCHBALD's claims were the stronger, and we can hardly take the hazard of questioning the correctness of that determination. Both had made sacrifices for the machine. Both had dragged the judicial ermine in the mire, perverted the law and thrown conscience to the dogs. Under such circumstances it is a hard matter to determine which most deserved recompense. It is a nice distinction for any one to make, all things considered. When a man sacrifices all he has done his best and, whether it be much or little, it ought to count for considerable.

Viewing the matter in a cursory way last week, we suggested that probably ARCHBALD would win out, because though both had sacrificed their reputations as lawyers, the Lackawanna county man's offering would count most because he had a greater reputation to give up. In the absence of complete details, and without either the opportunity or the ability to read the mind of the President at long range, we are now forced to the conclusion that it was upon that basis the President decided the matter. Our own favorite son didn't, as a matter of fact, give up a great deal in deciding contrary to law and in conflict with reason and justice, for he had frequently, when political exigencies required it, done the same thing before. ARCHBALD, on the other hand, made a long jump and a deep plunge and probably the President was right in his decision.

Ship Subsidy Again.

The steamship subsidy snake is to wiggle its way into Congress again. We fondly hoped that when it was defeated or, rather, failed to pass during the last session, that it would be allowed to sleep forever. But the loot is too enticing, it is said, to let go by default, and the subsidy mongers are preparing for another effort. With this purpose in mind the Philadelphia Press published a column or so of rubbish the other day to show that it costs a great deal more to build ships in this country than in Europe. Its figures were false and its conclusions absurd, but the average subsidy monger doesn't mind a little thing like that. What he aims to do is to fool the people and to achieve that result he would falsify the decalogue.

We note among the statements of this lobby agent of the steamship trust the claim that labor is one hundred per cent higher in the shipyards of America than those of Europe. There never was a bald or falsehood put in print. An individual mechanic earns about thirty-three per cent more in a given time in an American shipyard than one employed on the Clyde or another European shipyard. But his productive capacity is more than fifty per cent greater, so that a matter of fact his wages are less. The President of the Baldwin locomotive works of Philadelphia testified before the industrial commission several weeks ago that his concern can build locomotives cheaper than any European rival and pay individual mechanics double the wages, because of the superior skill and intelligence of the workmen here and the better character of our machinery. The same is true in shipyards and all other industrial concerns.

The only item of expense which is greater in this country than in Great Britain is steel. That is an important part of a modern ship, for they are nearly all steel. But the difference in cost is not on account of a greater expense in manufacture. On the contrary Mr. CARNEGIE has publicly declared that steel can be made in this country one-third less than anywhere else. The trouble is, however, that the steel trust robs the home consumers by excessive charges, while they favor the foreign consumers by competing with and defeating the foreign manufacturers. In other words the steel trust sells English and Scotch shipbuilders plate and structural steel at twenty-eight dollars a ton and charges American shipbuilders forty dollars a ton for the same commodity. This discrimination makes American ships cost more than European built vessels of the same character, and the American shipbuilders want to rob the public by ship subsidies to even things up.

Funston's Achievement and Reward.

The capture of the Filipino chieftain, AGUINALDO, may or may not hasten the cessation of hostilities in the Asiatic archipelago. It is estimated by some that he is the head and front of the resistance, while others equally well informed declare that he is an unimportant factor in the matter. American Generals may be quoted in support of both of these views, and the same men have taken both sides of the question at different times. Which of them is right is a matter of conjecture, but happily need not long remain so and to be candid the indications are that his capture is a serious blow to the Tagals.

But in any event General FUNSTON, who planned and executed the capture, deserved the generous reward he received. A good many men will say that it was hardly becoming in the military representative of a great nation like ours to play such a trick on an enemy whose resources, so meagre in the beginning were so nearly exhausted in the end, in order to capture him. But the same code of morals which embalmeth in verse the doubtful proposition, "My Country, May it always be Right, but My Country, Right or Wrong," endorses the twin immortality, "All is fair in War." That may be all right among savages, but in civilized life all is not fair in war or in anything else.

In the case in point General FUNSTON obtained in some way not revealed some correspondence of AGUINALDO. Having previously acquired the seal of another Filipino General he proceeded to forge letters and with them open communications with the man whom he designed to capture. The plans gave such promise of success that FUNSTON and a few others disguised themselves, bribed a few natives to co-operate with them and thus gained access to the camp of the chief and overpowered him. It was a hazardous undertaking which required a clear head and a steady nerve, but FUNSTON was equal to the occasion and he turned the trick. Even the march to and from the theatre of action was dangerous.

But we are glad that FUNSTON was rewarded in the manner and form that his compensation came, if for no other reason than that it was distasteful to the bureaucrats about the war office at Washington. It may be that the forgery was immoral and the trickery more or less dishonorable, but it was not on that account that CORBIN and the other "revolving chair warriors" objected to having him made a Brigadier General. They probably remembered that FUNSTON was first sent into the field by a Populist Governor of Kansas in the face of their protest and that he never took the trouble to apologize to them for winning distinction.

A Good Day in Ohio.

It would hardly be candid to say that the result of the municipal elections in Ohio is a surprise. Most intelligent observers anticipated the victory of TOM JOHNSON in Cleveland, though ordinarily the odds were vastly against him. The city has given occasional Democratic majorities, it is true, but they were rather accidental, or at least the result of particularly propitious conditions. But this year the chief Republican boss was in the balance. MARK HANNA's political estate was deeply involved, and that is important in a local election. But the signs are propitious this year, and, besides, TOM JOHNSON is a host.

So far as Cleveland is concerned, therefore, we can safely say we told you so. But there are other cities of considerable population in Ohio and it is not often safe to predict Democratic majorities in them. The State capital, Columbus, for example, mostly goes Republican and it is only when the signs point to a Democratic victory at the following general election that this bad rule is departed from. With respect to the election there this year, therefore, we had little if any hope. But as a matter of fact the Democratic candidate for mayor had a substantial majority and the election is a Democratic victory.

Then there is Toledo. That city has gotten into the habit of electing "Golden Rule" JONES to the office of mayor, but hitherto he has not run as a Democrat. This year, however, he was the Democratic candidate, pure and simple, and we had doubts of the result, for Toledo has been a Republican city. But JONES was elected as usual and the entire Democratic ticket shared in his victory, so that the indications of a Democratic triumph at the general election next fall, when there is a Governor, a Legislature, congressional delegation and a United States Senator in the balance, are more favorable than ever. Monday was a good day in Ohio.

If you are asked to buy a ticket to the Undine dance on Monday night, don't act as if you are being robbed or going to have a tooth pulled. You don't expect the firemen to act that way when the fire alarm sounds and your home is in danger.

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Standing By Each Other.

The American Economist, a New York weekly publication devoted, as it states, "to the protection of American labor and industries," appeals for honor among thieves. In other words it calls upon all the tariff pensioners to stand together on the principle that unless they look in unison they will lose singly. It is moved to this state of affairs by the action of a New York daily paper, heretofore an advocate of all kinds of protection. The paper in question rather approved of the idea of repealing the tariff tax on the products of the billion dollar steel trust.

In reply to this the organ of ultra agrarianism shrieks "the example is sure to be followed by other manufacturers, in other lines, who concede that they have found advantage in export trade, and are quite willing to have some sacrifices of the home market made if they can tighten their grip on certain foreign markets." Then it adds in sobbing sentences, "but there are large numbers of domestic industries for which tariff protection is quite as necessary as it ever was, among them the woolen industry, and there are manufacturers of iron and steel things, who cannot go in to a fight at home, with foreign makers, upon the conditions present in the works of the great iron and steel combination."

There is the milk in the cocoanut. Because there are certain industries which are not willing to relinquish the lip hold on the teat which drains the treasury, the tariff organ insists on all standing together for another season of legalized robbery and the chances are that the cry, like that of the Macedonians, will prove potential. That is to say when Congress re-assembles in December the faithful will be lined up in solid phalanx to resist any movement in the direction of tariff reduction. The people are not entirely exhausted as yet and so long as there is a penny to get the plunderers will stand together.

Waiting for the Boss' Dictum.

The list of Republican aspirants for State Treasurer grows longer as it comes nearer the time a selection must be made. The party bosses who have already signified their desire to serve the machine in this capacity are both plentiful and persistent. Among the members of the Legislature there are HARRIS, of Clearfield; VOORHEES, of Philadelphia; McCLAIN, of Lancaster, and MARSHALL, of Pittsburg, all suffering with a case of the treasury itch. Then there is that political renegade and perpetual office-seeker, ex-assistant Secretary of the Interior under Mr. CLEVELAND, JOHN M. REYNOLDS, of Bedford, demanding it as his pay for his treachery to his own party; while Judge BARKER, of Cambria, who divides honors with Judge LOVE and Judge ARCHBALD, as a recognized machine Judge, is pushing his brother FLOREY R. BARKER for the position. Just which one of these gentlemen, Mr. QUAY will select is a matter of considerable conjecture just now, and will be until the boss makes up his mind as to which can be the most useful to him. When that is done the Republican people will understand who they are to nominate and who they will be expected to elect to this important place.

It is a great country when one man is allowed to do the political thinking for 500,000 voters, but so it is in Pennsylvania, and so we presume it will continue until the good Lord, or some other power, changes our present population into men with some independence and sufficient sense to recognize political disgrace when they see it.

The Government Price on Dewey's Victory.

From the Freeport, Ill., Bulletin. Admiral Dewey received \$9,750 for the victory at Manila. The agent who negotiated the sale of any one of the sloop chess bargains in transports picked up by the government at the outbreak of the war received twice as much on any one transaction. Just what amount was realized by the men who engineered the sale of the worthless old collier hulk sunk by Hobson at Santiago cannot even be approximately estimated, but it would have paid several times over the appraised value of Dewey's service at Manila.

The agent who arranged for the purchase by this government of the yacht owned by a relative of Senator Hanna made enough in that deal to double Dewey's salary for a couple of years, and leave enough in excess to buy at least one Manila victory at United States prices.

Duty and Destiny.

From the N. Y. World. "Benevolent assimilation" is getting on famously in the Philippines. Not only have the dead bodies of some 30,000 natives been assimilated with the soil which they so foolishly died to make free, but those who have submitted to "criminal aggression" are to enjoy all the blessings of carpet-bag rule of the genuine Ohio brand. The obtuse inhabitants who stand out are to be treated to the reconcentration policy employed by Gen. Weyler, our patron saint for the new possessions. Duty and Destiny are thus being fulfilled.

Army Frauds Will be Probed to the Bottom.

High Rank of the Guilty Will Not Prevent Their Punishment. Stealing of Supplies Did Not Cause Any Suffering Among Troops—Another Battle With Insurgents and 18 Were Killed. More Leaders Have Surrendered.

MANILA, April 1.—The sensational frauds in the commissary department, which were developed yesterday by the arrest of Captain Frederick J. Barrows, of the Thirtieth volunteer infantry, quartermaster of the Southern district of Luzon, together with seven commissary sergeants, civilian clerks, a prominent government contractor and other persons will be probed to the bottom. Orders have been issued that no guilty man escape. The number of men implicated in the frauds is not yet determined, and high army rank will not suffice to shield delinquents.

Colonel Woodruff, the chief commissary at Manila, said that the irregularities were exaggerated, and that the troops were always well supplied with stores. Colonel of the returning volunteer regiments have written to Colonel Woodruff in praise of the commissary service.

Lieutenant Warren Lean, with 30 men of troop "C," of the Sixth cavalry, was almost surrounded at Malabar, by 200 insurgents from the Sanga mountains, in Cavite province. During the ensuing action 18 insurgents were killed and two Americans were wounded. The insurgents then retired.

No new announcements are made concerning Aginaldo. The recent surrenders include General Gonzales, 11 officers and 44 men, with 45 rifles, at Malabon; Colonel Herrera, three officers and 35 men with rifles, at Laguna, and Colonels Pablo, Teson and Sibul at Bulacan. Thirty men of General Calle's command have surrendered.

ZAMBOANGA, Island of Mindanao, March 31.—Owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing in the Sulu archipelago and the island of Mindanao the Philippine commission has about decided to organize a departmental government covering all of the islands south of the Visayas.

A uniform general provincial law is impossible of application in the extreme southern islands on account of the necessary debarring of the Moros from self-government, except in cases where they have foresworn allegiance to the native datos, and become subjects of the United States.

WESTON, W. Va., April 1.—The small pox epidemic in Webster county has reached such a stage as to cause serious alarm. The circuit court should have opened an Addison to-day, but on account of the prevalence of the disease Judge Bennett, whose home is in the city, decided to postpone all cases until next term.

Collieries to Be Run on Short Time.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 1.—The Reading coal and iron company will for some time, possibly all summer, run their collieries on short time. To-day an order was issued by General Manager Luther to the effect that the collieries will work only three days a week until further notice. The reason for this, it is said, is that the company, anticipating a strike, stored a vast quantity of coal.

Johnson's Plurality May Reach 6,000.

CLEVELAND, O., April 1.—The most interesting municipal election held in this city in years resulted to-day in the election of Hon. Tom L. Johnson, Democrat, to the office of mayor over J. F. Akers, Republican, by a plurality that may go as high as 6,000. Only the head of the Republican ticket was defeated, the candidates for the minor offices on that ticket being successful.

Democratic Mayor for Columbus.

COLUMBUS, O., April 1.—John N. Hinkle, Democrat, was to-day elected mayor, vice Henry C. Taylor, Republican, by about 300 plurality. The present administration is Republican.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—York council has abandoned the crematory and has given a five years' contract for burning garbage, at \$5,000 a year.

—At a meeting of directors of the West Branch Valley railroad company, held last week, the capital stock was increased from \$1,110,000 to \$3,768,000.

—Tuesday, April 23rd, has been fixed by the Supreme court as the day for argument on the constitutionality of the Pittsburg ripper bill. The hearing will be held in Philadelphia.

—The Penn Window Glass Works, of Spring City, recently destroyed by fire, and which was owned by State Senator William Snyder and other prominent politicians, will be rebuilt on a larger scale.

—Mann Bros., of Yeagerstown, commenced work Tuesday on a large ax factory at that place to be completed by the first of September. They will employ about one hundred men. The Manns will work independently of the trust.

—The Beech Creek Coal and Coke company is looking for a suitable site at Patton for the erection of a big brick office building, with the idea of bringing all its various departments, mining, engineering, clerical, etc. under one roof.

—Lawrence Arthur, of Williamsport, has been suffering from insomnia for several nights. Monday night he swallowed an opiate to induce sleep, which so affected his heart that he died before a physician could be summoned. He was 35 years old and is survived by a wife.

—A week ago the little baby of Mrs. William Harding, of Wilkes-barre, stuck its fingers in its mother's eye while playing. The mother had to be taken to the hospital and an operation will be performed. Blood poisoning has set in, and now both eyes are threatened with total blindness.

—The Pennsylvania railroad company will erect a new station at Williamsport, the plans having been definitely arranged a day or two ago. The new station will be an architectural ornament, and the building with its platforms and approaches, will extend a distance of one square.

—Anthracite coal has been discovered on the farm of Jeremiah Gueden, a few miles from McConnellsburg. A large force has been working under the direction of John Mann, and the vein was reached at the depth of thirty-three feet. The outcropping of coal along the creek bank led to the investigation. Two hundred acres are under lease.

—John Hall, of Bitumen, was found lying along the track, west of Park hotel station at Williamsport about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. One leg was severed, the other was mangled, one arm was fractured, and he had other injuries. He was taken to the hospital. It is supposed that he attempted to cross the tracks and was run over by the cars.

—A fierce cyclone visited McKee's Gap Friday morning. Two Bedford county hucksters were caught by the storm, which blew the top off of one wagon and upset the other one and destroyed about fifty dozen eggs. Harry Stoner, who was driving one wagon, was thrown out and injured about the face. John Clapper suffered the loss of the eggs and a broken wagon.

—The six hundred men employed at the Oneida colliery of Coxe Bros. & Co. are idle by reason of a lockout on the part of the company. It is claimed that the company asked the men to report earlier and walk down the mainway, the slope being used between 6 and 7 a. m. for hoisting rock and slate. This the men refused to do, and fearing a strike, the company closed down the colliery.

—A mortgage given by the United Telephone and Telegraph company, of Philadelphia, to the Equitable Trust company, of Philadelphia, was entered in the recorder's office at Lancaster, Tuesday morning. It is for \$2,000,000 and is payable Jan. 1, 1931. The revenue stamps on the mortgage cost \$965.50. This mortgage will be entered in thirty six counties in the State in which the company owns property.

—The records of the yard master's office at Lewistown show that during the month of March a grand total of 3,218 trains and 175,122 cars passed that point. This exceeds the records of March, 1900, which was the previous record breaking month by 18,029. The movements for the past month was as follows: Eastbound, 1,535 trains, hauling 86,890 loaded and 251 empty cars; westbound, 1,683 trains, with 19,282 loaded and 68,709 empty cars.

—Upon complaint of a number of saloon-keepers a woman named Eldred, from New York, who claims to be a second Carrie Nation, but who doesn't carry a hatchet, was arrested at Allentown on Saturday night for disorderly conduct. Her offense consisted in visits to saloons to sell temperance tracts and where business was poor she denounced proprietors and patrons in violent speeches and threatened to organize a brigade to wipe out the place. When brought before the Mayor she was discharged upon her promise to leave town.

—Despondent at not being able to meet his April obligations, Milton Bupp, a farmer, committed suicide by taking poison at his Berks county home in North Heidelberg township. He took two doses, the first in cider and the second in milk. After the first dose he crept into the horse stable to die, but was found by his family. Later, Bupp escaped from his nurse, and, after taking a second dose of poison, hid himself under a straw stack. His moans were heard by those searching for him, but too late to save his life.

—William Spriggs, colored and aged 30 years, of Oaktown a suburb of Altoona, was treated at the Altoona hospital Saturday evening for a gunshot wound of the right thigh. Spriggs, who is a drayman, said he was driving home about five o'clock he was stopped in the woods by Bob Werner, one of his white neighbors who is aged about 18, and that they had some words. Spriggs said the white man said he would blow his head off, and as he was getting out of his wagon he did shoot, the ball passing through the fleshy part of the thigh. Spriggs went to the hospital, had his wound dressed and then went home. Werner is said to be an ill-tempered, bad citizen, and the man he shot a civil, law-abiding man.