

Ink Stings.

-The Colombian insurrection did some insurrecting when it finally did get to the surface.

-A blind man could see what Prince HENRY is going to Milwaukee for. We all know what it was that made that city famous.

-If the British are afraid that Prince HENRY will scoop up all the American friendship why don't they send over a counter attraction.

-CARRIE NATION has lost a toe, but as she has done most of her kicking with her hands her mission in life is not thereby seriously impaired.

-LADY RANDOLPH CHURCHILL who took the young Lord GEORGIE CORNWALLIS WEST to raise seems to be growing very weary with her Kindergarten experience.

-There wasn't much doing at the Republican primaries last evening, but it is a long lane that leads to Feb. 18th and there is likely to be quite a turn in it too.

-Judging from the distinguished array of political luminaries who have promised to be there MISS JUSTICE will be fairly dazzled by the light in the Clearfield court next month.

-In 1860 it cost every woman and child in the country just \$1.52 a year to keep up the expenses of government. The per capita assessment now in taxes is \$12. How would you like to be the ice man in 1940, if this rate of increase continues.

-UNCLE SAM is going to blow in forty thousand dollars on Prince HENRY, who is to be our guest for two weeks. Nearly three thousand a day isn't much to "burn" on such a distinguished guest when it is considered that we are getting away with nearly half-a-million a day in the Philippines.

-UNCLE TOM'S Cabin is having a newspaper revival because some southern cities have declined to be entertained by the portrayal of the character of "Legree," the brutal slave driver. In some instances northern papers are clenching it as an opportunity to drag the old "bloody shirt" into politics again.

-The fellows who paid \$2, \$3 and \$5 for seats to see the SHARKEY-MAHER fake in Philadelphia on Friday night deserved the fleeing they got. Not one of them would have given half the amount for a penniless preacher or a starving child and any sort of humbuggery is legitimate when it comes to dealing with such classes.

-The Philadelphia Inquirer, informally launching ELKIN'S boom for Governor, hits the nail right on the head when it says, in big letters: "such a candidate is matchless." For hunt high or low in Pennsylvania we don't believe another one could be found who would match JOHN P. in any of the unworthy qualifications that recommend him to the Inquirer and its gang.

-ADMIRAL SCHLEY will be in Chicago tomorrow as the guest of the Hamilton club and the illustrious sailor says he will shoot anyone who mentions Santiago to him. Of course this is only one of the Admiral's pleasanties, but should he do some post prandial shooting it is likely to go as straight to the mark as did the shots of the Brooklyn in the fight that has made him the nation's hero.

-LITTLE KERMIT ROOSEVELT has been playing havoc with the fish in the White House aquarium and a few days ago the youngster was found with several shell fish and, with some youthful friends, was just preparing to scoop the gold fish out of their tank when the custodian caught him. Now, no one would object much if KERMIT would take his crowd down to the Navy Department and catch the lobster that has been floating around there for a few years.

-The Turkish brigands who abducted Miss ELLEN M. STONE have come down the mountain and decided to accept the amount of the subscription raised for her ransom. Very generous of them, isn't it? They are right in the class with those French Panama canal promoters who suddenly dropped to forty million for all their right title and interest when they discovered that Uncle SAM might dig another canal over the Nicaragua route.

-The American Indian and the New York dairymen are just now the victims of a crusade against long hair and long whiskers. Popular sentiment is back of a scientific propaganda that such extravagant hairute appendages harbor millions of vermin and disease germs. But why be so hard on these mortals who can grow something on their heads and chins when a fine-tooth comb and a little of this new germicide would do the business.

-If Philadelphians would waken up to a sense of their duty and stop the plundering of their own treasury they would not now have to be down on their knees to Uncle SAM, begging for \$600,000 for the completion of a thirty foot channel in the Delaware. Of course trade in Philadelphia would be stimulated by such an improvement of her water way, but why doesn't Philadelphia do it for herself. She permits more than that amount of money to be stolen from her treasury every year by the gang of jobbers that runs things down there.



Subsidy Mongers Dispairing.

The friends of the steamship subsidy bill are beginning to despair of the passage of that atrocious measure for the reason that some American ship owners have been extending their operations by buying up British and other foreign ships.

The Americans who own these foreign ships are quite as reluctant as anyone else to see the chance of the immense loot which the ship subsidy bill provides for, slipping out of reach of their fingers.

There never was an ounce of sense in the claim that the government ought to pay an enormous unearned bounty to home built ships for the reason that the money paid for ocean freights went abroad and remained there as a balance of trade against this country.

There are so many stories of the relations between Senator QUAY and Attorney General ELKIN with respect to the Republican nomination for Governor, and they are so widely divergent in purpose and effect, that the greatest perplexity is created.

Manifestly DURHAM is right in so far as the nomination is concerned. QUAY is a timid man when left to himself and he may have entertained apprehensions of the defeat of ELKIN.

Besides, as we have already stated, ballot box stuffing is still available in both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and in the two cities more than 100,000 fraudulent votes can be polled.

Dr. F. P. Barker, a veterinarian of Ingleby, was returning from Smith's old saw mill in Lick hollow, on Saturday, when a large catamount sprang out of the brush not ten feet away from him and crouched on the road.

They Are Not Looking for a Law to Enforce it.

In a recent issue of the WATCHMAN attention was called to the deplorable manner in which several prominent rail-way officials admitted before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, in session in Chicago, that "frequently conditions required secret cut of rates to some large shippers and invariably, under such circumstances, they did it."

Following up an answer to this excuse the Philadelphia Record points out the way thus clearly though it is by no means probable that anything will be done to bring the great corporations to a realization of the fact that they don't own the government wholly enough to defy its laws with impunity.

"In seeking authority to prevent, re-cutting and discrimination by common carriers the Commission can find nothing more satisfactory than the measure known as the Cullom bill, which was adversely reported to the Senate during the first session of the Fifty-sixth Congress, and afterward placed on the calendar."

The crucial point of controversy, accordingly, is whether railway rates shall be fixed by associated railway companies with benevolent intent to do justice to all interests, or whether a government agency shall perform this task in behalf of the public.

If such power should be granted, as proposed under the terms of the bill prepared by the late National Railway Commissioner's convention, the progress of schemes of consolidation would scarcely challenge public attention, since the ultimate weight and incidence of freight rate charges would be determined not by a conclave of railway managers, but by an independent body of experts representing the people.

From the viewpoint of practical rail-roads the evil most earnestly to be combated is not related to maximums and minimums, but rather to secret rates and arrangements, under which favored interests flourish like green bay trees. The level of charges is not so important as the requirement that all shall pay the same rate for the same service.

Not a Vital Loss.

Nobody who knows Senator DAVID MARTIN of Philadelphia, will be greatly surprised to learn that he has practically abandoned reform politics and gone back to the practices of the machine, if not actually into fellowship with the bosses.

It is gratifying to learn, however, that in buying the Union party organization from Mr. MARTIN, the QUAY machine has procured only a gold brick. That is to say the vast majority of the Union party have repudiated the bargain between Senator MARTIN and the QUAY machine managers.

The reform movement has not been retarded much by this unexpected incident. According to the newspapers of that city those who believe in better government are joining together just as before.

Agitate for Reform.

The press of the State is not giving the attention to legislation for the enforcement of the constitutional amendments adopted last fall that the subject deserves.

The constitutional amendments are absolutely of no use at present except in so far as they permit the legislation that will give them force and effect.

Before long in various portions of the State candidates for the Legislature will be presenting themselves and soliciting the support of voters. Before that time arrives the voters ought to resolve among themselves that no man can get much support until he pledges himself to support a bill providing for personal registration in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Not the Golden Rule.

The American officials in the Philippines, military and civil, must imagine that the people at home are of short memory. For example a little more than three years ago the people of this country were outraged beyond endurance because a Spanish officer of the name of WEYLER had introduced in Cuba certain atrocious methods of forcing insurgents against the government to yield obedience to an alien sovereignty.

Now, according to the official reports of operations in the Philippines, our own agents there are introducing the same cruel method, which provoked our resentment

then. "General J. FRANKLIN BELL, military commander in that province," according to a dispatch detailing conditions in Batangas, just south of Manila, "has determined on the enforcement of the war in the most vigorous and determined fashion, involving reconcentration."

Not long ago the premier of the government, if that term may be used in referring to the head of the cabinet in the American Republic, declared that the diplomatic policy of this country would be laid on the lines of the Golden Rule.

It's Morgan's.

I came to a mill by the river side, A half mile long and nearly as wide, With a forest of stacks and an army of men, Tolling at furnace and shovel and pen.

I went to heaven, The jasper walls Towered high and wide, and the golden halls Shone bright beyond. But a strange new mark Was over the gate viz., "Private Park."

Prince's Itinerary Arranged.

BELLIN, Jan. 20.—Admiral Prince Henry, of Prussia, while in the United States will visit Chicago, Milwaukee, Niagara Falls and Boston. These points are embraced in the itinerary which has been cabled here by Dr. von Hollenben, the German Ambassador at Washington.

The apportionment of the Prince's time between Chicago, Milwaukee, Niagara Falls and Boston has not yet been precisely made. In fact, although the foregoing is the official plan as it stands to-day, any part of it may subsequently be modified.

Prince and Princess Henry called upon Andrew D. White, the American Ambassador here, with whom they had tea. They remained about half an hour.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-The Williamsport Board of Trade in an hour's time, at a recent meeting, subscribed \$140,000 to insure the location in that city of the John N. Stearns & Co. Dye Works, an establishment employing 250 men.

-Frederick Andree, of Stockholm, Sweden, a cousin of Andree, who perished in a balloon voyage toward the North pole, has been made chief engineer of Thompson Brothers' knitting mills at Lewistown.

-The barn on the VanTassel farm, near DuBois, was burned early Monday morning. One thousand bushels of grain, over a hundred tons of hay and a hundred tons of silo were consumed. The loss is fully \$5,000 and is only partly covered by insurance.

-T. D. Collins, one of the lumber kings of Forest county, sold on Saturday a half interest in his timber lands to Watson & Buzzard, of Brookwayville, for a sum approaching \$5,000,000.

-This is the first square meal that I have sat down to for a long time," said Amariah Thompson as he was eating dinner at a hotel at Williamsport Thursday. A moment later he became ill and in a short time was dead.

-Col. Alexander K. McClure, late of the Philadelphia Times, has accepted an invitation from the Allegheny bar association to attend the Lincoln birthday banquet at Pittsburgh on February 12th.

-A freight wreck occurred at Portage Sunday morning, in which brakeman John McFadden, of Mahanoy, Clearfield county, was instantly killed and Fireman Harry McClain, of Conemaugh, was badly hurt.

-A smallpox case has been reported in Laurelton, a small village fifteen miles west of Lewisburg. The victim is Miss Ida Voneida. She was a clerk in Gimbel's store, Philadelphia and came home a week ago.

-A list of the freight and passenger conductors of the Beech Creek district relating to length of time each has been in the company's employ has been posted at the chief trainmaster's office. T. A. Mullin is the oldest conductor in the service, he having been employed on the road since 1884.

-William Lewis, flagman on T. & C. local freight train, met with a painful accident at Osceola last Friday. He was standing on the rear platform of his cabin when a coupling was made and from the jar he fell to the track, sustaining severe bruises and having both his wrists sprained.

-Something not often seen was witnessed at Blairsville Monday at the funeral of the late Thomas Brown, Sr., of Cokeville. The pallbearers were seven stalwart sons of the deceased.

-Religious enthusiasm is running high at Jersey Shore, and as a result unique occurrences, without precedent in the history of the locality, is being enacted.

-It is unofficially announced that the Pennsylvania company is about to discard the Pintech gas and carburetor system of lights in all coaches and adopt electricity. Such changes cannot be made all at once, and it is doubtful if any attempt will be made to introduce such a radical revolution in lighting appliances immediately.

-The safety valve of the engine at E. F. Hall's saw mill, at Hall's Run, got out of order a few days ago, and the governor belt broke, causing the engine to run the machinery so rapidly that a metal pulley flew into pieces.

-Judge Yerkes, in Bucks county, has given an opinion concerning the fees of township supervisors, which ought to have wide interest.

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