

Ink Stings.

A mild little rebuke that every one will understand has no provocation will not hurt Admiral Schley, if it paves the way to presidential recognition of him as the real hero of Santiago.

Talking about food for the dime novel writer; Pittsburg and Butler both have old Shelby, Mo., looking like a Sunday hamlet now. The haunts of the JAMES boys at their worst were never able to show up more blood and thunder than the BIDDLES "made good" last week.

They say that upon QUAY'S advice PENROSE and DURHAM have decided that it would be a good thing for ELKIN to wait four years more before he becomes a candidate for Governor. They have passed it up to the Indiana county states man but he is not likely to pass it out.

The sickly sentimentality that led Mrs. SOFFEL to her awful crime was not much more than the morbid curiosity that led thousands of people to jostle and push and forget all dignity in the wild scramble to view the wretches who had been the cause of her down fall.

There are doings and doings over at Clearfield but nothing more seems to have been done up to this time than to prove to Mr. HARRIS that when the WATCHMAN said he was a violator of pledges and a corruptionist it was no more in earnest than it is now in the effort to back up its assertion.

As might have been expected QUAY was one of the fifteen Senators who voted to increase their own salaries from \$5,000 to \$7,500 on Monday. It is not strange, either, that of the fifteen who tried to vote money into their own pockets only one is a Democrat and he merely a renegade posing as such.

It is quite evident that his hogship saw his shadow on Sunday. That is, if he was able to get out through the banks of snow that must have been blown into his hole. However that may have been JACK FROST has been doing all in his power to "make good" for the ground-hog as a weather prophet.

The tendency of young college men to go about without hats will work against the realization of the theory that humanity is gradually approaching a time when all will be bald-headed. There is nothing that will insure a good and healthful growth of hair like going bare-headed outdoors. But we prefer something in the shape of covering for this kind of weather.

A great commotion is being stirred up by a rumor to the effect that the chief horse expert in the United States army is to be loaned to the British government to help the English select horses for their war in South Africa. Why raise such a fuss about nothing. We have no such a functionary in our army, but we do know where there is an old expert on "embalmed" beef, for whom we have no further use, who could be given to the English and never be missed.

The Jersey Shore telephone girls do right in refusing to sign a contract with their employers in which they are to agree that they will not get married in five years. In the first place they would be old maids by that time and, besides, who knows what moment their fate might appear and surely it wouldn't be fair to ask him to stand and look sad-eyed until the expiration of the contract. Then, too, he might not do it and the average girl wouldn't think of taking that risk.

JAMES ZEIGLER, the Wilkesbarre cigar manufacturer who has been sued by Miss NELLIE WHITE, who claims that he cracked one of her ribs while hugging her on Friday night, will be very apt to have a care as to where he grabs the next girl he attempts to hug. He must have polar bear blood in him. If NELLIE succeeds in making him pay one hundred for one fractured rib, we would advise him to buy a steel jacket for her before he goes to pouring out his feelings in such a crushing manner again.

The case in the Centre county court this week, in which a plaintiff went on the stand and swore that his left arm had been hurt in a railroad accident, just after his attorney had read the declaration that the right arm had been the one that had been injured, reminds us of the fellow who had lately been converted at a revival and was later giving his "testimony" at an experience meeting. He stood up and was very fervently thanking a kind Providence for many blessings that he had not deserved while he was leading a life of wickedness. He waxed eloquent and earnest until he finally became carried away in telling how he had been preserved after nearly severing his leg with an ax. Describing the awfulness of his injury he had his hearers worked up to a high pitch of interest and became so enthusiastic himself that he put his foot up on the back of the pew in front of him and began to roll up his trousers to show the terrible scar that had been left. Not being able to find it on his left leg, he quickly put up the other leg and started the search with renewed energy. But there was no scar to be found there either and when the penitent realized it he blurted out: "Oh b— I it was my brother SAM'S leg that was cut." Now we don't mean to imply that there will be any such a demonstration in this case, but the evident slip in getting the wrong arm described in the declaration just reminded us of the old story.

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Time to Inquire.

When the German Chancellor the other day resented the offensive language of the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, previously uttered, the whole world held its breath as if listening for the clash of arms. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN had in an unguarded moment declared that the atrocities of which the world complained in South Africa had been paralleled by the Germans in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 and are now being equalled every day in the Philippines by the American troops. It was a mean thing to say for the operations in the Transvaal are as horrible as anything that had been charged against General WYLLER in Cuba. It is small wonder that Germany complained.

But there was no protest in Washington against the assertion of Mr. CHAMBERLAIN that what the British did in South Africa was no worse than what the Americans were in the habit of doing in the Philippines. The British were charged with establishing reconcentrado camps in which non-combatants were herded and starved. They were accused of murdering prisoners, burning barns, devastating homes and outraging helpless women. But when Mr. CHAMBERLAIN justified such things by asserting that the Americans were doing the same thing in the Philippines there was no remonstrance. Silence gives consent, it is alleged, and our officials in Washington were dumb.

Now that the cloud of war which passed over the horizon when the German Chancellor spoke is cleared away it might be well for the liberty loving and justice practicing American people to inquire as to the facts. Is it true, as alleged, by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN that the atrocities in South Africa have been equalled in the Philippines? Can it be possible that we are disregarding the rules of civilized warfare in our endeavor to rob half-civilized Tagals of their liberty and conquer their territory that it may be distributed among favorites as prizes of conquest after the fashion of the ancient Romans? We hope not, but the signs are ominous.

The Ship Subsidy Scheme.

The news which comes in spurts and starts to the world concerning the shipping industry is perplexing. There is only one thing concerning it which is certain. That is that the ship subsidy bill is being pressed on Congress without interruption. We are told now and again that the American millionaires are buying up the steamships of the world. The Standard Oil Company owns all the tank steamers that are worth owning. One or another of Mr. MORGAN'S syndicates, he has a new one nearly every day, is acquiring control of the steamship lines engaged in the ocean carrying trade. But the demand for the subsidy is heard, notwithstanding, every day.

The steamship lines have been prospering during the past few years beyond measure. There was a plain reason for this, but the public refused to see it. The war in South Africa withdrew from the trade all the British ships. The war in the Philippines took out of the competition all the American ships that could be enticed to enter the transport service. France, Germany and Russia have had their troubles in China and elsewhere that taxed their shipping facilities, and meantime exports and imports have been increasing. The result is that freight rates have been advancing with an unparalleled rapidity and investors have become covetous of the profits.

But such things can't always continue. The ship yards have been busy and the shrewd foreign ship owners have been unloading. With other people's money the Standard Oil Company and the Morgan syndicates have been buying what the foreigners had for sale until now that the reaction is about to set in the millionaires want recompense from the treasury for the losses which their folly has made inevitable. And they will not be disappointed in their expectations. The entire power of the dominant party in Washington is committed to the scheme of spoliation and it will be consummated unless all its potency has been exhausted, which is not probable.

Owing to the attention which other matters of more personal concern have required this week we have been unable to make a careful examination of the statement of the county finances, as published by the commissioners in this issue of the WATCHMAN. There is one item, however, that stands out so conspicuous on the statement that we call it to your special attention because it reflects so much credit on the commissioners in general and the various tax collectors in the county in particular. We refer to the outstanding taxes for 1900. Of all the vast levy made two years ago every cent has been turned in or accounted for but \$2,916.80. This seems to us to be a remarkable condition of affairs and the WATCHMAN most heartily congratulates both commissioners and the collectors on such a healthy showing.

The Guard Will Not Come to Bellefonte.

It will be a matter of keen disappointment to many to learn that the next annual encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will be made at Mt. Gretna. There had been very strong hopes that those having charge of the selection of a site for the coming encampment would act favorably on the offer made some time ago by Col. W. FRED REYNOLDS, of his farms at Rock-view. Just when the proposition was being brought to a focus Adjutant General STEWART met with the unfortunate accident from which he has not yet recovered and the decision was left to others with the result that the next division encampment will be at Mt. Gretna instead of near Bellefonte.

There are many reasons why the site offered by Col. REYNOLDS should have been accepted in preference to the old place in Lebanon county, but the one that should have appealed most forcibly to the committee is that of sanitation. The old grounds at Mt. Gretna have been used and used until they are thoroughly permeated with the excrement of a great army camp, while the ones that might have been had here are fresh and healthful, properly drained and located so as to be readily supplied with an abundance of pure Spring creek water.

For the health of the men who must spend a week undergoing the arduous duties of military life in the field, it would have been wise to have selected some other place, if for no other reason, but it must also be borne in mind that Mt. Gretna has no more claim on the Guard than any other portion of the State.

Had those in Bellefonte and Centre county who are influential turned in and cooperated with Col. REYNOLDS at the time the WATCHMAN suggested it there is a very strong probability that the encampment would have come here. Inasmuch as it is to be a Division encampment it will be given special attention by the federal authorities. President ROOSEVELT, Secretary of War ROOT and Major General MILES, expect to visit the camp the day of General STONE'S review and Secretary ROOT will also detail a regular army officer for duty at division headquarters during the encampment. This being the last year of the STONE administration special effort will be made by General STEWART and Major General MILLER to make the camp a great success.

The Pittsburg Tragedy.

The lesson which is plainly expressed in the tragedy which ended in the Butler jail on Saturday evening points its own moral. Two confirmed criminals with something of what is called personal magnetism overcame a weak woman and prevailed on her to assist them in an effort to escape from the jail penalties of their crimes. They convinced her that they were innocent and that her duty to humanity required that she should sacrifice not only her womanhood but her honor to achieve the result. If she had been less vain she wouldn't have yielded. If she had been less weak they would never have had the opportunity to impose on her.

But being both weak and vain she listened and was overcome. Maybe in this she was less to blame than others who will suffer less. Her husband, the creature of a vicious system, had been warned of her infatuation. He had been told of the time she spent at their cell door. But he took no steps to restrain her impulse. On the contrary he resented the suggestion of danger and notified those about him that she had the liberty she claimed and that nobody was to interfere with her movements. The result was that her opportunities to aid the criminals were multiplied. The culmination of the association was the Butler tragedy.

Now everybody blames the woman. A clergyman in one of the leading cities of the State on Sunday denounced her as the greatest criminal of her day and generation. He referred to the crime of leaving her husband and children and of assisting the convicts to escape by committing new crimes. But that is only shifting upon her the neglect and all its consequences of others. The Pittsburg crime which culminated in the Butler tragedy is the fault of a vicious political system which puts men in office, not because they are worthy or fit but for the reason that they have served the party machine, unwisely and improperly but well and efficiently.

Sunday was the worst day, from a weather standpoint, that this community has experienced in many years. It rained and snowed and blowed and froze until it gave us a very realistic taste of what a real western blizzard is when it breaks loose in the east. No particular damage has been reported, though both telephone companies were troubled with many crossed lines.

The seventh annual convention of the public school directors of Pennsylvania will be held in Harrisburg on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 12th and 13th.

On Trial For Libel.

The WATCHMAN had hoped to be able to announce to its readers in this issue, what conclusion the twelve good and lawful men of Clearfield county will come to, after carefully considering all the evidence that is being presented to them in the trial of the editor of this paper, who is charged with having libeled State Treasurer-elect FRANK HARRIS. The failure to do so is perhaps solely because of the fact that many of the witnesses who were summoned in the case imagined it was "horse play" and not the real serious, determined defense that is being set up.

The general line of defense that is being followed in extenuation of the WATCHMAN'S charge that the man who has been elected to the high office of Treasurer of this Commonwealth has sought and accepted money for his services in pushing certain legislation through, is detailed in the news columns of this issue. It will not, therefore, be necessary to set it forth here, but it might not be out of place to state that the WATCHMAN has no reason, whatever, to regret its utterance of August 30th, 1901, which is charged as being libelous. It was made in all sincerity, without malice or negligence, and was based on common report, as well as reliable private information.

The WATCHMAN has been challenged to prove its assertion and it proposes to leave nothing undone in the honest effort to do so. If in substantiating its charge against Mr. HARRIS, it becomes necessary to show to the public some of the inner most secrets of the gang of corruptionists whose carnival of plunder at Harrisburg last winter was an outrage upon the Commonwealth and a stench in the nostrils of decent people it feels that it will have rendered the public a great service.

As was stated before this is not to be attempted through malice or because of personal bitterness against any of the parties thereto, but because of the fact that the WATCHMAN has always stood for good government and will fight to the last trench in defense of it.

The Clearfield Story in Rhyme.

From the Pittsburgh Leader.
At Clearfield there are "doin's" great.
Unto its county court
From every quarter of the State
Illustrious ones resort.
Brigades and troops
And bands and groups
Of publicists astute
Fresh fame will win
By mingling in
The Harris libel suit.
'Tis P. Gray Meek that brings 'em all
Around to testify,
Their schemes and games to overhaul
P. Gray will bravely try.
Says he, "Let's squeeze
The truth from these
And no one can dispute
My right to win
The verdict in
The Harris libel suit."

Among the witnesses behold
That mighty man, Bill Stone,
The thought of having to unfold
State secrets makes him groan.
Says he, "P. S.
With much distress
I hear this talk of loot."
He'd like to take
His leave and shake
The Harris libel suit.
John Elk is carries to the scene.
His very doubtful boom,
The tales of elongated green
Have filled his soul with gloom.
Quoth he, "I fear
The doings here
Will ruin our repite.
I fear a crash
Unless we quash
The Harris libel suit."

Tom Bigelow has been told to bring
His check book and to show
What votes he had upon a string
This time a year ago.
Says Tom to Meek,
"In point of cheek
You're certainly a 'beaut.'"
Small pleasure Tom
Will gather from
The Harris libel suit.
A hundred others are required
To figure on the stand.
With deep disgust they're all inspired
They hate the job on hand.
And if they're forced
To tell the worst,
Someone will have to scoot
Far, far from view
Or, perish through
The Harris libel suit.

State College is having an epidemic of measles. Dr. Glenn stated that there were fifty-five cases there on Wednesday afternoon. The epidemic is among the residents of the place, not the students.

Prince HENRY is not to talk German when he comes over to call on us this month. It is just as well, for it will save trouble of adding to the entertainment expenses a large bill for interpreters.

The teachers' local institute at Aaronsburg on Friday and Saturday was a decided success. Dr. Perrine's lecture was especially fine and the singing was a noteworthy feature of the institute.

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Bellefonte Has a Bad Case of This Disease.

From the Clearfield Spirit.
There are people in Clearfield as well as other towns, who from time to time become afflicted with the disease, which up to date no one has tried to name.

There is no particular season of the year when the malady becomes malignant, but its outbreaks are frequent and severe. The ladies are usually the first to succumb to the malady, although the sterner sex oftentimes have a slight touch.

It is both infectious, and contagious, and the only human remedy yet discovered is a mixture of common sense and pride in one's own town taken in allopathic doses.

There are quite a number of women afflicted with the particular form of disease which prompts them to buy everything, or as much as possible, out of town. This habit is as insidious as the morphine habit, and as a rule it has no more good reason in it. It grows on the patient by degrees until the case becomes desperate. Finally the victim becomes convinced that to get a gown made or a hat trimmed, a piece of ribbon or some buttons, it is necessary to send to New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Altoona or Johnstown, or perchance the patient feels it necessary to go in person to one of these places for everything.

Does a woman with the mania for foreign purchase every step to think that it is in a way disloyal to do this. That her husband or father perhaps, depends on the patronage of his neighbors, and that it is hardly fair to send elsewhere for purchases as well made at home. If there were any good reasons for it, it would be different, but there are few towns not supplied with good stores and good stocks of goods, and anything special can be ordered as well or better through the home merchants. If it cannot, then you have reasons on your side, but next time the question comes up as to sending out of town, just make a self-diagnosis and see if you have contracted the disease or are laboring under the hallucination above mentioned. We cannot find our Greek dictionary or we would give it a long, hard, harsh-sounding name.

If the money for purchases made outside, would be as well or better, he made at home, were kept at home it would be a great help. The shopping woman is a power and no mistake. She can do much good to home town when this disease becomes epidemic. She works much damage. Think this little article over. Maybe it will serve as an antidote, or as a germicide to the foreign purchase bacteria.

The Old Case of Whose Ox is Being Gored.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.
The effect of companionship is showing quickly in the case of Porto Rico. It was thought that the inhabitants of that island were too far removed from us by racial differences for them to readily grasp the American way of thinking. But here is Delegate Degetau, of Porto Rico, protesting against the tariff concessions proposed for Cuba. He stands up with the representatives of the best sugar industry and the tobacco trust and cries that the proposed action is not fair to "us." A couple years ago, Porto Rico was in the same position as Cuba. Deprived of her former markets in Spain, and shut out from the United States by the high tariff, she demanded the lowering of that tariff as a plain duty. Now with Cuba in straits even more desperate than her own were she would deny the same salvation to that island. Surely Porto Rico has grasped the American idea; at least the idea of self-interest that governs the dominant party.

Will Give Credit to Admiral Schley.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The World's Washington correspondent says:
"President Roosevelt will find that Rear Admiral Schley was in command at the battle of Santiago, and will give him credit for the victory. At the same time he will criticize some of Schley's movements prior to the engagement especially the retro grade movement and the failure to destroy the Colon."

"This is the opinion of those best informed on the President's views of the controversy. He so expressed himself to some callers to-day. Mr. Roosevelt to-day had before him four of the fleet commanders—Admirals Evans and Taylor, Captain Clark and Commander Wainwright, who commanded the Iowa, Indiana, Oregon and Gloucester, respectively."

"The President inquired of each of these officers regarding all points involved in the case. As the versions of these officers are many there is no speculation as to what replies they made."

"Of the four men the facts as given by Captain Clark will prove of most value to Schley's side. It was the testimony of Captain Clark that emphasized the fact that the Brooklyn and Oregon bore the brunt of the battle and inflicted the disabling shots that put the four Spanish cruisers out of action."

"Schley's friends will feel that they have gained a signal victory if the President gives it as his opinion that Schley fought and won the battle, and it will relieve Schley from the position in which the findings of the Court of Inquiry left him."

"This is manifest from the fact that a major portion of Schley's appeal deals with the question of command, and that is the one point he most desires an expression upon from the President. Also it is obvious that the department seeks to prevent the President from transferring the laurels from Sampson to Schley, for the Judge Advocate in his reply devoted nearly the whole of his comment to that one question."

Horse Drags Gen. Miles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—While driving his fast trotter Gold Pebble on the White Lot to-day General Nelson A. Miles met with an accident, his sleigh colliding with the rear of one driven by Wm. Rockey and overturned.

General Miles was thrown to the ground, but he clung to the reins and managed to control the frightened animal, although he was dragged about fifty yards over the icy ground. The cutter was then righted and the General drove away.

Spawls from the Keystone.

For eloping with Mrs. H. Holsbue last month, Henry Arison was sentenced to nine months in the county jail at Sunbury yesterday. Sentence on the woman was suspended.

Adamsburg, Snyder county, which has been known by that name for nearly a century, was on Saturday changed to Beaver Springs by order of the Pennsylvania Railroad company.

A. W. Cook & Co., having purchased the Bell Run timber lands, have decided to locate their mill at Gramplan to manufacture their lumber. It will take about seven years to cut this vast forest which consists of hemlock and hardwood.

Sergeant Harry E. Fellows, of the recruiting station at Johnstown, for soldiers for the United States army, received instructions Thursday from Capt. T. M. Griffith, of Pittsburg, to make a special effort to secure desirable colored men for the infantry and cavalry.

The frozen remains of Monroe Depp, of Big Run, were found imbedded in the river ice near Mahaffey by a couple of boys a few days ago. He had been cutting paper wood near that place, and it is thought while temporarily and mentally deranged laid down on the ice and froze to death.

A colored man, whose name is unknown, went up to look at the abutment on the West Branch Valley railroad bridge at Shawsville a few days ago, and fell off and broke his neck. His was the eleventh fatality about the place since the railroad operations were started. His body was shipped to his late home in Virginia.

George Prosser, of Sunbury, a few evenings ago threw a kettle of boiling water on Miss Susie Ritchey, who resides with his mother, and then dashed the empty kettle at her head, but luckily did not hit her. She was given surgical attention and is getting along nicely. The trouble will likely get into the aldermanic courts, and Prosser may receive a dry bath hot as scalding water.

A distressing occurrence is reported from Mammoth, Westmoreland county. An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Blystone is said to have died from injuries sustained while in the arms of its mother. Mrs. Blystone was walking through the house on Friday carrying the child, who was only a few weeks old. Her foot tripped in the carpet and she fell. The child was so badly hurt that it died a short time afterward, it is stated.

A reward of \$300 has been offered by the Elk county commissioners for the arrest and conviction of Tom Madeline, alias Dominiano Masseo, and \$200 for the arrest and conviction of Ben Haulo, alias Binny Paul, both of whom are wanted for the murder of James Heekin, at Shawmut, on Jan. 25th. The above reward has been doubled by the offer of \$500 by the Shawmut Mining Co., being \$250 for the capture and return of either of the men.

Miss Mollie the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Funk, of Cresson, was walking over the Pennsylvania railroad culvert near the passenger station at that place on Monday when she slipped on the icy coping. Seeing that she would drop to the road some twenty feet below, she wisely turned the fall into a jump, and thus threw herself beyond the projecting stones of the abutment below, escaping with the fracture of both ankles and some bruises about the body.

Adam Kramer an unmarried farmer has been living alone on a farm near St. Mary's for a number of years. Thursday morning it was discovered that his house was burned to the ground. Upon further investigation it developed that Kramer himself was dead in his barn with a bullet wound in his head. It is generally supposed that the building was burned and the tragedy enacted on Tuesday night. The authorities are investigating, and startling developments are expected.

Love got mixed up in school affairs in two of the districts of Southern Fayette county last week, and as a result the pupils of the High House and Continental schools are enjoying a rather unexpected vacation. After school adjourned Friday the teachers—Miss Schoola Eastburn and Frank C. Newcomer—boarded a train for Addison, that county, where they were married by the Rev. John T. Eastburn, father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Charlesworth, of McKeesport. When the honeymoon is over school will be resumed and the teachers will finish their terms.

John McCabe, 24 years old, employed as a steam shovel cranesman under Contractor McManus, in Lewistown Narrows, Saturday was carrying a double barreled shot gun on an engine. The butt of the gun slipped, striking the hammer in such a manner as to discharge both barrels. From the first a charge of turkey shot entered McCabe's groin, taking an upward course and making a horrible wound. The second charge passed between his body and his clothing, doing no damage except to tear every button from his tightly buttoned coat. He was taken to a Harrisburg hospital where it is said his wounds will prove fatal.

The Marion Independent tells this story, which may be true: Judge Gordon, of Clearfield county, appears to be ever ready and willing to accommodate the attorneys who practice law in his court. The other day State Treasurer elect Harris made a witness on the stand testify that a certain man was a liar, when another attorney asked: "Just like some politicians." Harris became indignant and said if the remark was made for him he could be seen outside. The attorney was willing, and Judge Gordon offered to adjourn court to accommodate the two gentlemen, but the matter was properly adjusted and the court did not take a recess.

John Barlow, of Oak Ridge, Montgomery county, has reached the age of 107 years. He retains his faculties and frequently takes long walks in the country. Although he has been married four times he is said to be courted by an Oak Ridge widow with 97 years to her credit. Barlow has been a farmer all his life and has been the highway commissioner in his town. He has never been compelled to consult a dentist or a physician. He is bald-headed, but his face is adorned with whiskers which would do credit to a populist politician. He has drank liquor and chewed and smoked tobacco nearly all his life. He has two sons who are great-grand fathers, thus making Barlow a great-great-grand father.