

Ink Slings.

LORD KITCHENER again "regrets to report."

The Clearfield jail has been leaking again, but that is not the reason the WATCHMAN'S editor is out.

The impecunious German teacher will be one of the ones who will find business brightening up in consequence of the Prince HENRY'S visit.

The question naturally arises: What comp is to be sprung as a consequence of the retirement of the Hon. WILLIAM FLINN from Pittsburg politics?

We wonder if Prince HENRY won't remember that "dark brown taste" about as long as any other incident of his recent visit to the United States.

We had more raging water Wednesday night, enough for a small sized flood; it gave us visions of that recent sight, of a printery immersed in mud.

The Boers don't write often to JOHN BULL, but when they do they usually have the addresses of several generals and a few hundred men to send to him.

One day it looks as if the ground hog was still doing the business, and the next ne as if the Baptists and Prohibitionists had gotten hold of the weather administration.

Now that they have succeeded in exterminating the yellow fever and the mosquitoes in Havana we suppose more attention than ever will be given to exterminating the Cubans.

One by one the men who seemed not to realize that "public office is a public trust" are dropping out of the President's cabinet into obscurity. There's ALGER, GAGE and LONG. All gone, never to be heard of again.

Mr. QUAY has given his consent to the nomination of Mr. EKINS. Let us all feel happy over the assurance that Mr. E. will be the next machine candidate and that some one else will be the next Governor of Pennsylvania.

JOHN K. THOMPSON has announced to a Clearfield newspaper man that he expects to be re-nominated and re-elected to the Legislature from Centre county. Strange, he should go clear over to Clearfield county to make such declarations.

Since his retirement from the ROOSEVELT cabinet former Post Master General CHARLES EMORY SMITH has been pointing columns of double-headed editorials toward Washington almost every day. Possibly he finds it pleasanter to give advice to strenuous TEDDY when ninety miles away.

The Wilkesbarre Union-Leader suggests that if QUAY is afraid to permit EKINS' nomination for Governor and, at the same time can't stop it, he might jump into the breach, himself, and take the nomination. Can it be that the Union-Leader is so indecent as to want to see the "old man" knocked clear out of his breeches.

Why is it that the War Department gives such great publicity to the number of soldiers being brought home from the Philippines and says nothing about the new ones being sent over nearly every day? Can it be that there is an attempt to deceive the American people about the real state of affairs in this latest land-grabbing expedition.

Statesmen and families are coming low now-a-days. We have a man in Centre county who wants to be Commissioner and offers to do it for \$1.50 per day. Out in California there is a man who is offering to sell a wife and four children for \$40.00. The wife might be worth it, but when a man gets children he usually likes to have them made to his own order.

Some years ago the Punxsutawney Spirit told a story about a sucker that a lad had trained to live on dry land so perfectly that when it followed him down to the stream one day and fell in it was drowned. We always doubted the story, but to-day we make apologies to brother SMITH for ever having had a moment's suspicion of his truthfulness. To-day we have been informed that right here in Bellefonte three ducks were drowned by the recent flood. Isn't it awful?

The harrowing accident that occurred on the railroad near this place on Wednesday afternoon is only another evidence of what the unrestricted darning of children will often lead to. While rail-road officials do their best to break up the practice of train jumping, employees are not always as determined to co-operate in it as they should be. If there is no other remedy the civil authorities should take it in hand and punish the offense severely. The State has become the guardian of children in the matter of their schooling, why not do the same thing in this dangerous practice of train jumping?

The honorable JOHN HAMILTON, Secretary of Agriculture, is in hot water again, but hot water doesn't hurt such a pachydermatous mammal as the honorable JOHN. Of the thirty-five thousand dollars appropriated for the proper representation of the State of Pennsylvania at the Charleston exposition five thousand were set aside for an agricultural display. As there is no exhibit of the agricultural resources of Pennsylvania in sight at Charleston the Grangers are demanding to know whether JOHN has been playing the old Rocky mountain game of "I hide 'em and you find 'em" with that five thousand. They think they have him in hot water, but the Grangers don't know the honorable JOHN. Why he can drink boiling water and hawk up chunks of ice.

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Only a Temporary Retirement.

The Hon. WILLIAM FLINN, of Pittsburg, we learn through the medium of newspaper statements and current gossip, has retired from public life and henceforward proposes to give his undivided attention to business and pleasure. In fulfillment of that determination he has sent his resignation, as State Senator, with a string to it, to Lieutenant Governor GOBIN. If there is an extra session between now and the date of the expiration of his term, Dec. 1, 1902, he can recall the resignation by wire. If there is no extra session within that time, his service is ended anyway, so that he makes no great sacrifice by the resignation. He has also resigned his seats in two political committees, the Republican city committee of Pittsburg and the Republican county committee of Allegheny county.

Mr. FLINN has been in politics and public life a long time. He was first elected a member of the Legislature in 1878, nearly twenty-four years ago, and served two terms. While in that position he was elected chairman of the Republican city committee of Pittsburg and continued to hold that more or less influential office until last year, when his friends admonished him that the success of the ticket would be promoted by his retirement. Like the famous comic opera hero he found that "was the time for disappearing," and like him he "took a header, down below." But he held on to his commission as State Senator in which office he has been continued since 1888, and to a seat in both the committees from which he has now resigned. But his retirement wasn't complete enough. The people still discerned his head and in the last election swiped it.

So Mr. FLINN has again withdrawn, this time completely, he would have us believe. But it is hardly that. He has written and published resignations, it is true, and declared that he will never again participate in public affairs except as a voter and contributor to the Republican party and principles. But those who know him well will take that statement with a grain of allowance. When he thinks public indignation has sufficiently abated and popular opposition amply subsided, like the operative meteor already quoted, he will "bob up serenely from below." Senator FLINN is not the sort of man who voluntarily withdraws from public life. Power is the apple of his eye and the delight of his heart. His retirement is temporary and enforced. The moment that the past is forgotten he will be in business again "at the old stand."

Complaints Won't Do the Work.

The executive committee of the State Grange, at its recent meeting, very justly censured Secretary of Agriculture HAMILTON for ignoring the provision of the law creating his department, which provides for the discussion of the subject of taxation at farmer's institutes. While the Grangers were right in alluding to this subject as they did, and in exposing Mr. HAMILTON'S neglect to do that which the law requires of him, there is no one who imagines that the censure of the Grange will change Mr. HAMILTON'S methods or determination, or that Mr. HAMILTON'S acts will in the least disgust the great bulk of Grangers who annually march up to the polls and vote to retain in power the party that creates and retains in place officials like Mr. HAMILTON.

If there is any one class of people, more than another, who have been outraged for years, by unjust taxation, it is the farmers of Pennsylvania. They have submitted to the most unfair tax laws that are known to any State, for decade after decade. They have bowed their backs to the burdens these impose, and have never shown more decided opposition to the men and methods, that thus discriminate against them, than a feeble protest now and then, and an occasional threat of what they propose doing. In fact, so constant has been their support of the very party, whose representative now denies them even the opportunity of discussing the question of taxation that the managers of the Republican machine feel that they can do as they please with this great army of over-worked and over-taxed citizens without danger of either a revolt or a revolution.

It will continue to be so, as long as the farmers of Pennsylvania are willing to be slaves of the party that now makes and enforces the laws of the State. It will cease to be so when they assert their party independence and vote against the men and the machine that has brought them to the condition of "beavers of wood and drawers of water" for interests that are crushing them.

Until they show this independence it would be just as well for them to save the wind and the work that making complaint occasions. It is not such action as was taken by the Grangers in executive session that will change conditions in Pennsylvania. That can only be done by them having manliness enough about them to vote against the conditions of which they complain.

Prince Henry's Last Day.

The last day of Prince HENRY'S visit to the United States was given to Philadelphia and it was practically the only day given to the second city of the country which is the metropolis of the second State of the Union. In population Chicago leads Philadelphia, but in all things which make communities great Philadelphia is still the second city in the Union. But it is just as well that the distinguished visitor didn't tarry long in the Quaker town. Just at present there is little there to attract a scholar and a man of integrity. The worst governed city in the world could hardly be inviting to a man whose mission was to see the best of everything we have to exhibit.

His brief visit was interesting, however, if not to himself, at least to the public. He was met at the great station of the greatest of all railroads by the mayor of Philadelphia and conducted to the most pretentious city hall in the western hemisphere. There he was told in platitudes that the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States were promulgated in Independence hall "the cradle of liberty." Subsequently he was taken to see the hall and afterward visited the greatest shipyard in the world, the proprietor of which is constantly knocking at the doors of Congress like a mendicant begging for unearned bounties. After that he was taken to other points of interest and in the evening given a dinner from which the mayor of the city was excluded for obvious reasons.

As an Admiral of the German navy the Prince is familiar with the events of the last three years in the Philippines. As an educated gentleman he is probably equally familiar with the text of the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States. While he stood within the walls of the great hall in which the sentiments of the Declaration of Independence were first uttered by men who had dedicated their lives to the cause of personal and religious liberty, he probably recalled some of those sentiments. "We hold that all men are equal," he probably said, "except the Filipinos," and "all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed" except "such as are established by force and fraud by the degenerate sons of the illustrious stree who founded this great Republic."

Having thus, in the closing hours of his brief and busy visit to the United States, imbibed these lasting but not altogether flattering impressions of the birthplace of liberty, being a thoughtful and reasoning man, Prince HENRY would probably then give his mind to speculation on things about him. In this building, he would probably say during the intervals between the courses and speeches of the dinner in the Union League, the art of ballot box stuffing was first discovered and some of the distinguished gentlemen who are with me now contributed the funds necessary to develop it until it is present possible to poll 80,000 fraudulent votes at a single election and carry into office any man who is not ashamed to wear the badge of the Republican machine. With such reflections Prince HENRY wound up his celebrated visit to the United States and on Tuesday he departed to lay his impressions before his imperial brother.

Gen. Methuen's Capture.

The surprising defeat of the British troops in South Africa and the capture of General Lord METHUEN by a burgher force under the command of General DELAREY, on Friday morning last, was the military surprise of the season. People had begun to think that probably that unholy war was really drawing to a close and that all that was left of the Boer force to make resistance was the handful of starved and hunted patriots who still adhered to the fortunes of General DEWEY. But the incident in question shows that the hostilities are not only still in progress but likely to continue indefinitely and with varying results.

If there was reasonable ground for the hope that this sharp reverse would bring the British authorities to their senses the information that it cost a score or two of lives would be accepted as welcome intelligence. This unfortunate war has cost a vast amount in blood and treasure since it began, three years ago, and long since exceeded in expense the probable value of the territory embraced within the boundaries of the two Republics. But the burghers were not fighting for territory alone. Their political and religious liberty, as well as their homes and firesides, were in the balance and they have fought with the desperation of men thus environed.

Any time within the last two years the hostilities might have been brought to a close with honor to the British arms and a certainty of fair indemnity for the property losses involved. But a stupid or stubborn fatality has influenced the authorities to pursue a blind and ruinous policy until after severely taxing the resources of the greatest empire in the civilized world it is now brought face to face with the possibility of defeat. This danger may be averted by reversing the policy that has brought about the disasters. But it may be accepted as a fact that the Boers will never yield and the continuance of the war will cause a repetition of the disaster of Friday.

Change in the Navy Department.

If the change in the Secretaryship of the Navy justified the hope of a change in the policy of that department of the government, the resignation of JOHN D. LONG would cause rejoicing throughout the country. But unfortunately no such result can be expected. One Massachusetts man succeeds another and being of the same school of politics and practically of the same habits of thought, the chances are more than even that the policy of one will be continued by the other. In that event the best that can be said of the affair is that we have jumped out of the frying pan into the fire.

We are not influenced by prejudice in saying that in the history of the United States navy no man has done as much to demoralize the service and discourage ambition as JOHN D. LONG. From the first moment of his entrance upon the duties of his office, immediately after the first inauguration of McKINLEY he began cultivating a bureaucracy which ultimately developed into a conspiracy to destroy the reputation of every officer in the navy who gave more attention to the performance of his duties than he did to flattering the vanity of the Secretary. In this way every fighting officer of the service has come under the ban and every scyophant has grown in official favor.

It was because of this strangely unfortunate circumstance that during the war with Spain every officer of the navy who had the desire for victory used every available means to keep himself out of communication with the department. When DEWEY sunk the Spanish fleet in Manila, his first precautionary act was to cut the cable so that LONG couldn't hamper him with absurd orders dictated by the board of strategy. When the Oregon was making its perilous way from San Francisco to the scene of operations its captain telegraphed to the President to keep the orders of the department off him and he would get in. The department was a terror.

Happily the department responsible for this strange dread will soon be out of the service but it remains to be seen whether or not the change means improvement. MOODY has not been associated with the bureaucrats but it is to be feared that he has been in sympathy with them. If the developments of the near future prove that the policies of LONG are to be continued by MOODY the change in the Secretaryship will have no good effect. But the fact that there has been a change is encouraging and the public will hope for the best.

Are You Proud of It.

Massachusetts pays an average salary to male teachers of \$144.80 per month, and to female teachers \$52.20.

Connecticut pays her men an average of \$88.77 and her females \$42.70 per month for teaching.

New Jersey's average for male teachers is \$81.39 and for females \$48.19.

Little Rhode Island, that is but 79 square miles larger than Centre county, pays her male teachers \$98.34 and her female teachers \$50.48 on an average.

Now, smooth down your hair and stand up as if there was some pride in you.

You are a Pennsylvanian.

It is a great State, a big State, a rich State. It should be a glorious State.

It is almost as large as all the States mentioned above put together. It has better, more productive and a larger number of farms than all of them combined. It has bigger and fatter corporations than any of them. Its oil wells, its mills and its mines have made more millionaires than those of all of the States named. It has a machine that can and does manipulate its government more absolutely than any other machine runs any government on the globe. Its politicians raise more money to corrupt elections than do those of any government in existence. It gives whatever Republican majority is thought necessary, either for success or effect. Its Legislature abhors the public charities and gives away franchises, in a manner that would indicate no end of wealth, or of other good things. Its women wear as costly and as pretty ester bonnets as do those of any of the States we started out with. It has a Governor who will discount in extravagance in public expenditures that of any State in the Union. It has public men who would give away everything that they can't glue to themselves, for their own benefit, and it has much more, that we could name, of many other things than either or all of the States in the above list.

As we have said it is a great State, a big State, a rich State.

And yet while it claims to be the mother of the public school system it PAYS ITS MALE TEACHERS ON AN AVERAGE BUT \$42.69, AND ITS FEMALE TEACHERS BUT \$38.45.

And in this county, we are even below that average.

The Blair county Democrats have declared for WARREN WORTH BAILEY, editor of the Johnstown Democrat, for Governor.

A Toast.

St. Patrick was a gentleman Who, through strategy and stealth Drove all the snakes from Ireland; Here's a bumper for his health.

But not too many bumpers. Let us lose ourselves, and then— Forget the good St. Patrick And see the snakes again.

—From Four Track News for March.

Is There a Nigger in the Wood-Pile?

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Reports appear that the real purpose of Prince Henry's visit to the United States is to obtain the consent of this Government to the acquisition by Germany of a naval or coaling station in the Caribbean. These reports have no authority. They are probably pure surmise, and their appearance permits comment on them as a purely abstract proposition.

If the reported German desire is for a fortified naval station it would be a vital infraction of the spirit and purpose of the Monroe doctrine. If it wishes to acquire and hold land, more or less, for that purpose in the name of the German Government it is at least an aggression upon the letter of that rule. Moreover, if we assent to an infraction by Germany we cannot object to other Powers enjoying the same privilege, and the West Indies and South American coasts might become strewn with European naval stations.

On the other hand, if Germany desires to lease a dock somewhere, subject to the sovereignty of the location, at which its vessels may recoul, there would be slight objection. But in view of the intimation that more than that is wanted it is well that we have shown as much politeness to Germany as Germany has shown to us, and are under no obligation to assent to grants that would be a violation of our national principles.

The Way Canada Treats the Trusts.

From the Pittsburg Post.

The Canadian government recently directed an investigation into the combine of the paper makers of the Dominion, which had the usual and intended effect of increasing the price of paper. Evidence was obtained which showed that in February, 1900, 26 manufacturers of paper combined to keep prices above a certain figure in Canada, but to let paper go out lower for export. In November, 1899, paper sold at \$2.03, but after the combination was formed it sold at \$2.50 and kept at that price, though there has been a fall in the United States. The judge's report has caused the government by an order in council to reduce the duty from 25 per cent ad valorem to 15 per cent. We ought to have a like procedure in the United States. The facts are easily obtainable, but tariff abuses are sacred. They must not be touched for fear of an attack all along the line. That's the morality of tariff making.

Even Canada Takes a Fall out of Us.

From the Montreal Sun.

It is evident that our friends across the line are awakening to the fact it is of very little use railing at England for coercing the Boers, so long as they continue to grind the Filipinos into subjection. Obviously the friends of Kruger across the line have an object lesson of their own to study. They do not need to trouble themselves about South Africa. They have their own concentration camps. And they are neither merciful nor as compassionate as the British. Were the death rate of the Filipino reconcentration camps to be published the world would shudder. But the American censor is hard at work; and the American press second him loyally. None of the truth is allowed to leak out, etc. Surely, there could be no harm in seeing ourselves as others see us. It might from many a blunder free us, and foolish notion.

He Is "It" in Centre Too.

From the New Bloomfield Democrat.

Ex-Senator H. J. Humes, of Crawford county, has sent out a circular letter in which he urges the nomination of Ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison as the Democratic candidate for Governor. He declares that the northwestern counties would give large majorities for the ex-Governor, setting down Crawford for at least 1,500. He also claims that Pattison's nomination would enable the Democrats to elect many members of the Legislature in close and doubtful districts. There is no question of the ex-Governor's popularity in the "rooral deestricks."

"Maybe"

From the Clearfield Raftsmen's Journal.

Hon. John K. Thompson, of Phillipsburg, when in town last week stated that he would be a candidate for the Legislature from that county this year and feels confident of nomination and election.

Want Wu Ting Fang Removed.

PERKINS March 11.—A prominent Manchu censor has memorialized the throne for the removal of Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States. The censor asserts that Wu Ting Fang corruptly retained, ostensibly for repairs to the Chinese legation at Washington, \$80,000 of the Tien Tsin silver refunded by the American government.

According to a dispatch from Washington, dated January 23, Secretary Hay that day handed to Minister Wu Ting Fang a draft on the United States treasury for \$37,600, the value of the silver bullion captured by the American marines at Tien Tsin.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Mr. Wu said last night that he promptly informed his government as soon as the United States turned over to him the Tien Tsin silver fund, and the money was placed at its disposal. Not one cent of the fund, Mr. Wu said, could be misappropriated, and if any portion of it were to be used for any purpose whatever, this could be done only by the sanction of the Chinese government.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Fishing into a tub of hot water 2-year-old Mary Thomas was fatally scalded at Coleraine Wednesday.

Removing stones from the walls, John Sergy and Frank Pareta escaped from the Clearfield jail Wednesday.

At Williamsport Monday Judge Hart refused to grant any of the five new applications for liquor licenses from Jersey Shore. Remonstrances were filed by the women of Jersey Shore.

Samuel Matter, of Loganton, fell from the roof of his house into the snow a few days ago. His right wrist was fractured. Mr. Matter was removing the snow from the roof when he fell.

While fishing driftwood out of the river at Cross Forks Saturday, some small boys caught a ten pound lard pail. Opening it they found the body of a baby. An investigation is under way.

Barclay brothers, of Sinnemahoning, have been awarded the contract by the Union Tanning company to take out the timber on 16,000 acres of the Schraeder tract of land in Bradford and Sullivan counties.

The Beech Creek coal and coke company has completed the purchase of the Fishburn mine situated near Munson. The mine has not run very steadily for the past few years, but will do better in the future.

Hon. Daniel Agnew, former chief justice of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, died at 3 o'clock Sunday morning at his residence in Beaver. The venerable jurist had reached the remarkable age of 83 years.

The First Lutheran church of Altoona held special services last Sunday in commemoration of paying off and burning a \$12,000 mortgage on the church property. The church building, including lot, cost \$84,054.

At Williamsport Tuesday evening the infant son of Ellis and Margaret McDonough, while at the table, put a crumb of bread in his mouth. The child began to choke, he suffering from a cold, and died in a short time.

At Muncy Tuesday, 13-year-old Rollin Geasey, while playing with companions on the Reading railway bridge, fell from the structure to the rocks below. Long gashes on the scalp and a fractured skull were the results.

A dynamite cap, which had become mixed with coal, and which Mrs. William Bogle, of near DuBois, was pouring into the fire, exploded, and lacerated that lady's hand. The member was badly torn, but it is thought it can be saved.

James R. Swigart, John Beers, William and James Cummings, of McVeytown, while out hunting foxes on Jack's mountain, Huntingdon county, recently came across a bear under rocks, which, after considerable trouble, they succeeded in killing. It weighed 197 pounds.

While the employes of Johnson & Overturn, at Penfield, Clearfield county, the other day, were endeavoring to save a large quantity of goods which were being inundated in the cellar by the floods, a thief entered the store and concealed himself. During the night he helped himself to a bag full of loose money and escaped.

The one and one-half story frame dwelling of Mrs. Carrie Lawton, at Condersport, was burned Monday at 3 o'clock. The youngest boy, 6 years old, was burned so badly that he died, and the girl, who rescued him, may die from her burns. An older daughter was severely burned. A lamp exploded in the house and caused the fire.

Bishop Dubs, of Chicago, after opening the Central Pennsylvania United Evangelical conference at Lock Haven on Thursday, insisted upon the ministers developing a stronger spiritual life in their respective congregations. A more positive stand, he said, must be taken against the craze for higher criticism, card parties, theatre parties, etc.

A year old child of James Michaels, of Jersey Shore, was attacked by a bull dog, which that gentleman kept in his house, and its face and head were lacerated. The dog was locked in another room, but when the door was opened the ferocious beast sprang into the adjoining apartment and attacked the child the second time. The child is in a critical condition.

Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow, of Harrisburg, has been tendered a banquet by clerical and lay friends in Philadelphia for the purpose of expressing their confidence in him. Dr. Swallow has written a letter declining the banquet until after the meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference in Bellefonte, beginning March 26th, at which he will be tried for uttering falsehoods.

Near Danville a few days ago Peter Sandel shot a golden eagle, a bird rarely seen in this section. Sandel, keeping himself concealed behind a declivity, was making his way within gunshot when the bird saw the young man. The eagle swooped towards Sandel with both wings spread out, when the hunter pulled the trigger. The shot took effect in the eagle's head, and it fell to the ground dead. It weighed nine pounds and it measured seven feet from tip to tip.

C. E. Blough, of Boswell, Somerset county, went to Johnstown Thursday evening behind a full-blooded Virginia mare drawing a sleigh of the useful kind common in rural regions. Within a few minutes after entering the city limits his animal was dead and the sleigh was a wreck. Only by a breath did Mr. Blough and his little boy, who was with him, escaped injury or worse. The animal took right at a trolley car, ran away and broke its neck on a trolley bridge.

Tuesday afternoon the body of Taylor Wilson, colored, was found on the island in the river opposite Montoursville. Wilson has been missing since November 30th. He had been working in a butcher shop and started for home. Nothing has been heard of him since. His bucket, containing scraps of meat, was found a few days after he disappeared near the river bank opposite the Dodge mill pond. It is supposed he committed suicide. His divorced wife and a son reside in Pittsburg. He was 55 years old. The undertakers have charge of the body. When the body was found it was believed to be that of either engineer Martz or freemen Glass, who went down with the Locomock creek bridge on December 15th but this supposition proved to be incorrect.