

Ink Slings.

LORD KITCHENER again "regrets to report." The Clearfield jail has been leaking again...

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

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.

Mr. QUAY has given his consent to the nomination of Mr. ELKINS. Let us all feel happy over the assurance that Mr. E. will be the next machine candidate...

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.

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.

The Wilkesbarre Union-Leader suggests that if QUAY is afraid to permit ELKIN'S nomination for Governor and, at the same time can't stop it, he might jump into the breach, himself, and take the nomination.

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?

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Statements 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.

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.

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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.

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 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 is not such action as was taken by the Grangers in executive session that will change conditions in Pennsylvania.

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Only a Temporary Retirement.

The Hon. WILLIAM FLINN, of Pittsburgh, we learn through the medium of newspaper statements and current gossip, has retired from public life and henceforth proposes to give his undivided attention to business and pleasure.

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.

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.

Complaints Won't Do the Work.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Are You Proud of It.

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

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.

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.

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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 to his health.

Is There a Nigger in the Wood-PILE? From the Pittsburgh 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.

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.

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.

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 Philippines into subjection.

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.

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. From the Clearfield Raftsmen's Journal.

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.

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.

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.

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

While fishing driftwood out of the river at Cross Forks Saturday, some small boys caught a ten pound lard pail.

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 Munsion.

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 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.

At Williamsport Tuesday evening the infant son of Ellis and Margaret McDonough, while at the table, put a crumb of bread in his mouth.

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.

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.

James R. Swigart, John Beers, William and James Cummings, of McVeightown, 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.

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.

The one and one-half story frame dwelling of Mrs. Carrie Lawton, at Condersport, was burned Monday at 3 o'clock.

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 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.

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.

Near Danville a few days ago Peter Sandel shot a golden eagle, a bird rarely seen in this section.

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.

Tuesday afternoon the body of Taylor Wilson, colored, was found on the island in the river opposite Montoursville.

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