

Ink Slings.

Just watch the Love Republicans And the little Hastings guns... What a foolish man SAMMY SALTER was to run away when a Philadelphia jury was waiting the chance to acquit him.

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Senator Hoar's Speech.

The most important contribution to the literature of the war in the Philippines thus far made is the speech of Senator HOAR, of Massachusetts, delivered last Thursday. The Senator began with the statement that we are not at war with the people for the reason that Congress has made no declaration of war and the authority to do so is lodged nowhere else.

Major Waller Must Suffer.

The tardy announcement by General CHAFFEE of his disapproval of the verdict of the court martial in the case of Major WALLER may serve to quiet popular indignation for a time, but it will hardly vindicate the policy of the administration. Major WALLER was in command of the contingent of the marines which General SMITH sent across the Island of Samar with instructions to kill and burn until the interior of the island would resemble a howling wilderness and kill everybody over ten years of age.

Acquittal of Salter.

As predicted in these columns last week SAMUEL SALTER and those who conspired with him to defraud the elections in Philadelphia in 1900 has been acquitted. The evidence against them was positive and overwhelming. One man who had participated with them in the crime, as the agent of a firm of detectives, told in circumstantial detail the particulars of the event.

Death of Ex-Attorney General Henry C. McCormick.

Attorney General in Ex-Governor Hastings's Cabinet—Backed Hastings in His Famous Veto—A Fearless Public Official. WILLIAMSPORT, May 28.—The tolling of the bells on the fire engine houses announced to the people of Williamsport that ex-Attorney General Henry C. McCormick had died at 2:10 Monday afternoon.

SEARCH FOR HIS DAUGHTER.

On Saturday next Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were to have met their daughter and son-in-law in London, but the sudden illness of the former interfered with the plan. Blood poisoning with Bright's disease, was the cause of Mr. McCormick's death.

A FEARLESS PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

Mr. McCormick was distinguished in the practice of law, in business and in public life. In politics he was a Republican, although his father and brothers were Democrats. He was utterly fearless in championing the right. This trait of his character was illustrated no more forcibly than during his incumbency as Attorney General, under Governor Hastings, from 1895 to 1899.

BACKED HASTINGS IN VETOES.

As the confidential adviser of Governor Hastings he cast his influence against the numerous fake expense bills, salary grabs and other vicious legislation of 1897, which the Governor vetoed. After he left the office the manager of the machine tried to conciliate him by the offer of a seat on the Supreme court bench, but he spurned it.

The North American has another guess, if it thinks that because doubtful DANIEL is going abroad for a three month's trip he will take no part in the coming campaign in the State or in Centre county.

He will be back long before election day and he has the Centre county convention set up already so that he can be absent for three months without missing any opportunity talpyo politics. Mr. Oliver Stopped Too Quick. Mr. DAVID B. OLIVER, of Pittsburg, gave some inside facts concerning charitable appropriations made by the last Legislature that might be made extremely interesting if properly followed.

Quay and Elkin.

Only a little more than a week remains of the Republican primary campaign and no man can confidently predict the result of what appears to have been an earnest contest for mastery among the machine managers. QUAY declares that ELKIN will not be nominated and his friends who have been accustomed to his dominance reiterate the statement. But the facts do not justify the prediction. That is to say the candidacy of Judge PENNYPACKER has fallen flat and the signs are that QUAY is about to abandon him.

Trading Charters for Delegates.

An interesting story concerning the election of delegates to the Republican state convention comes from Uniontown. It is not what you would call a harmonizing narrative or one that will contribute to Senator QUAY'S amiability. But it shows that Attorney General ELKIN is alert as a politician and indicates that Governor STONE is keeping the promise made to his friends, soon after QUAY turned ELKIN down, to the effect that QUAY would hear from the Governor before the fight was over.

According to the story QUAY has always had things his own way in Fayette county and was confident that there would be no change in conditions this year. In fact he had made arrangements with his friends to elect delegates to the convention who would support "anybody the old man wants," as his very loyal adherents are in the habit of stating it. At first ELKIN was inclined to put up a set of delegates in opposition, but finally determined on a less expensive and more convenient way of achieving the same result. That is a number of QUAY'S friends have been trying to operate a water company in Uniontown in opposition to the existing plant but they couldn't get a charter from the State Department.

It is a trifle hard on QUAY to turn thus his own batteries against him and it is a little tough on the constitution and the laws that both are to be violated in order that ELKIN'S chances for election may be promoted. But it is the way those fellows work things and QUAY can hardly kick while the public can probably stand this new form of political venality when they have uncomplainingly witnessed the promotion of men for no other reason than that they have committed similar or at least kindred offences. Such friends of ELKIN as have closed their eyes to his padding the pay rolls will not hesitate to support him on account of a little affair like this.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The reports read at the I. O. O. F. grand lodge at Erie, show that there are 1,096 lodges in the state, with a membership of 115,500. The expenses last year were \$679,000. Mrs. Moses Parker, near Coalport, was lodged in the Clearfield county jail the other day charged with an attempt to poison the family of Levi Spangle, who live on a neighboring farm by putting arsenic in the sugar bowl. The P. J. E. & E. railroad company has entered a suit in the Blair county courts against the Altoona and Beech Creek railroad company to recover \$60,000, the price of two locomotives and 10 cars wrongfully taken from the plaintiffs and appropriated by the defendant corporation to its own use. The Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad company will put in two first class steel bridges on the Sinnemahoning branch of the road. One will be 135 feet long and will be located at Wharton, near the junction of the line, and the other will be 200 feet long, located one mile below on the Sinnemahoning branch. More than 200 of the hands employed at the Lock Haven silk mill are enjoying enforced idleness. They have been laid off on account of the strike of the dye works employes at Patterson, N. J. On account of the strike it is impossible to obtain enough material to keep the mill running full handed. About 100 looms are in operation. According to Dunn's Review the cost of living in this country has reached the highest point attained during the decade. November 1st last the average cost was \$97.73. This is an increase of six per cent. as compared with last year. The increase in the average cost of living has been most notable since July 1st, 1897. The figures then were \$72.46. Miles Bartow, sexton of the Greenwood cemetery at Altoona, has been informed that the family of his brother, Bernard, who resided on the ruined island of Martinique, consisting of the wife and three young children were among the unfortunate who perished in the awful eruption of Mont Pelee on May 8. Mr. Bartow was visiting friends in Nebraska when news of the terrible calamity reached him. Expecting to assume his duties as post master of Renovo about June 1st, A. Y. Jones Saturday tendered to the court his resignation as county commissioner of Clinton county. A. L. Merrill, of Lock Haven, was appointed to fill the unexpired term ending December 31st, 1902. Mr. Merrill was sworn in and began his duties Monday. He is a well known Republican and will fill his new position to the best of his ability. Sidney, the 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allabach, and other boys, were looking down at a bird's nest under a trestle at Farrisville on Sunday, when Sidney overbalanced and fell off the trestle. He fell seventeen feet and alighted on an oak plank. The boy was carried home and Dr. Hill summoned. The child remained unconscious until Monday, but fortunately had no bones broken. He is getting along nicely. Hewitt Boice, a wealthy resident of near Kingstown, N. Y., advertised last Friday to pay ten cents for each fruit jar of caterpillars that are infesting hundreds of shade trees in that section. The jars were to be delivered at his barn. Up to Monday night he had paid out nearly \$100 to 500 persons, ranging from grandfathers to 5 year old children. He says he expected three or four dollars would cover the cost. The caterpillars were destroyed as soon as paid for. The cold snap of the past few days has not made the farmers any too cheerful, as it retards the growth of their farm and garden products. There would have been a heavy frost Wednesday morning had it not been for the clouds and wind. At 7 o'clock thermometer registered from forty to forty four degrees. Overcoats and fires were a necessity Wednesday. Snow fell at Altoona and other places Tuesday. The mercury registered as low as forty degrees in some towns. Warmer weather is predicted in today. W. Kent McCarthy, aged 16, of Stevens City, Va., and Charles Skewes, aged 15, of McKeesport, were drowned Friday in the Youghiogheny river, near McKeesport. The boys were out on a skiff riding, and were seen to rock the boat from side to side until it turned completely over, precipitating the occupants into the river. Both boys were good swimmers, and it is thought the suction pumps of the water works near by drew them under the water and prevented their rise again. Both belonged to prominent families. Three prisoners escaped from the Lock Haven jail at an early hour Thursday morning. They are Fred Hurley and J. A. Mousley, who were each serving a sentence of six months, and Frederick Mason, who was awaiting trial. The escape was made by filing the rivets that hold the chain across the cell doors. The old fashioned lock on the door at the rear of the jail was easily picked and when the jail yard was reached the padlock on the gate at the south side of the yard was also easily opened. A lumber wagon driver in Altoona saw a little child hanging from a window at Eighth avenue and Fifth street the other morning as he drew near. Slowly the little one was slipping off the sill. The teamster stopped at the house and tried to summon the mother to the front door, but failed to get a response to his repeated knocks. Meanwhile the baby was just about to fall, at the same time trying a note of warning of its danger to its mother, but she came not. There was nothing for the driver to do but stand under the window, which he did, and wait until the child finally dropped from its place into his arms unharmed. A few days ago the clothing of Paul Hinderling, an employe of the Lock Haven paper mill, was caught by a swiftly revolving shaft and he was whirled around at lightning speed. Two other men of the mill who were in an adjoining room and heard the cries of Hinderling ran in the direction from which the cry came and found the man lying on the floor badly hurt and in a perfectly nude condition. Every particle of his clothing had been torn off with the exception of one shoe. He was taken to his home where a doctor was summoned who found that Hinderling's right arm was broken about five inches below the shoulder joint and between the elbow and wrist. In addition to these injuries he was badly bruised all over his body. The accident occurred in the leeching room.

The Young Husband's Soliloquy.

From the Johnstown Tribune. The queerest little dreeses My eyes have ever seen I sometimes catch a glimpse of But wonder what they mean; All folded up so neatly, All fashioned out with grace, With little bows of ribbon And little bits of lace. I gaze on these with wonder And in Viola's eyes I try to read the secret; But she is all too wise; And unto all my questions She makes me this reply, "If you'll have patience, Peleg, I'll tell you by and by."

But Girls are Not Men.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal (Dem.). A poor girl in Philadelphia has been sentenced to jail for six months because she fraudulently obtained possession of a dozen photographs of herself. Philadelphia is the place where they send men to Congress who fraudulently obtained possession of entire streets.

A New Balance of Trade.

From the Freeport, Ill., Bulletin. In one trip to Europe J. Pierpoint Morgan brings back more "stuff" than all the foreign fiddlers and piano players carry over in ten years.

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