

Ink Stings.

Oh there's trouble brewing fast along the Wash. There are murmurings of things the men don't like.

—Virtue may be its own reward, but virtue has come to be so cheap of late that the reward is scarcely worth going after.

—Public school teachers who could not earn at least \$35 a month at any other vocation are not fit to be public school teachers.

—ANDREW CARNEGIE could help save himself the disgrace of dying rich by contributing about \$25,000 to the Bellefonte hospital.

—There are to be two Arbor days in April, the 3rd and the 17th. Remember to plant something; even if you sow only a few seeds of kindness.

—Senator ELKINS, of West Virginia, may denounce his party for betraying its pledges, but the Senator will support his party right along, all the same.

—Since Mr. ADDICKS wasn't able to land in the United States Senate it is to be presumed that he will spend the next two years in quietly storing up gas to work off on the Delaware Legislature when another vacancy occurs.

—Col. BRYAN is of the opinion that gold Democrats will never capture any Democratic convention of national importance, which is to say that Col. BRYAN considers himself the bell cow in the capturing business.

—Those German professors who think the MONROE doctrine is "a perfidious nothing that binds no person nor power" might find out something more about it were they leading a movement that would tend to its fracture.

—The last Congress appropriated fifty million dollars for the Panama canal, fifty million dollars for the postal service and river and harbor appropriations amounting to nearly as much. It takes a Republican Congress to make the people's money fly.

—If the Democratic minority in Congress was good for nothing else it served the purpose of a scape-goat on which the Republicans will heap all the blame for the pernicious legislation they did enact and the good measures they left unconsidered.

—The Memphis Commercial advises the North on the negro problem as follows: "Mind your own business." If conditions everywhere are as they are right here in Bellefonte all of the North would have its hands quite full in acting upon the Commercial's suggestion.

—The Patterson, N. J., amateur photographer who is summoned to answer a libel in divorce because he made his wife pose for him in "the altogether," will realize that when he took her "for better or for worse" she didn't expect it to be as "worse" as that.

—DR. LORENZ's idea that America "is a magnificent country inhabited by a noble people" is quite at variance with the notions of some of the so-called foreign luminaries who have visited us in recent years. But when it is remembered that Dr. LORENZ is a smart man all is explained.

—DANIEL J. SULLY, the young Connecticut speculator, who lost two and one-half million dollars while he was eating dinner in a New York restaurant on Wednesday, has an appetite and a nerve to be proud of. He was bullying the cotton market, but the bears pounded it down so that SULLY came very near being wiped out entirely.

—Under the head "Charged With Wife Desertion" the Lock Haven Democrat recently published an account of the burial of a good old gentleman of Youngdale. Accidents will happen in the best regulated families but it is seldom that one of this nature is discovered. Every one knows that the heads evidently got mixed up in the Democrat office, yet after all the old man was a wife deserter in one sense of the word at least.

—The York Gazette pleads for the bachelors against the talked of tax on celibacy. It bases its plea on the promise that all men are not fit to become husbands or fathers; consequently it would be unfair to tax them for remaining single when they are doing so from a purely humanitarian standpoint. Of course some men do remain single because of such lofty notions, but the most of the bachelors are bachelors either because they can't get the one they are looking for or couldn't keep her if she were to be had.

—A bill to pension teachers was introduced in the House on Tuesday. It provides that they shall receive not less than one-third their average pay for the last half of ten years service in the schools. While the WATCHMAN is decidedly in favor of the minimum salary bill of \$35 per month and concedes that teachers have as much right to a pension as retired judges, yet the whole theory is wrong. The pension idea is being carried entirely too far. If the thing keeps on every class of people will be drawing pensions and who will there be left to pay them.

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Mr. Olmsted's Curious Reasoning.

Representative OLMSTED of the Harrisburg Congress district made an interesting speech in the House of Representatives in Washington the other day in support of his own report from the committee on elections on the contested election case of WAGONER against BUTLER for the Twelfth district of Missouri.

Mr. BUTLER was elected to Congress by the voters of that district at the regular election of 1900 by a majority of 3,553. For some unexplained reason the Republicans wanted the seat so badly that upon Mr. OLMSTED's report on a contest the member-elect was thrown out during the last session and a special election ordered to fill the vacancy.

The surprising part of the affair, however, was the reason given by Mr. OLMSTED for his decision and the processes by which he arrived at his conclusions. The registry list was padded after the Philadelphia fashion, it appears, and Mr. OLMSTED discovered that "eighty-one persons were registered in a house having only eleven rooms," and forty of them were allowed to remain on the registry by the election commissioners.

Mr. OLMSTED understood that such a statement supported by *exparte* evidence was not sufficient to unseat the Representative who had 7,016 majority behind him, so he asserted the legal principle that there having been frauds in every election district in which the Democrats had a majority all such districts be thrown out and those remaining gave the Republican candidate a small majority.

Senator QUAY's First Defeat. Senator QUAY has sustained his first defeat. He set out to force the omnibus Statehood bill through the Senate. Early in the session which has just closed he declared that unless that measure were disposed of he would hold up all other legislation.

But Mr. QUAY neglected no means of achieving the result which he had in his mind. He jeopardized the perpetuity of the government and imperiled the prosperity of the people. There are various ways of assailing the flag. The leaders of the South in 1861 adopted one expedient. They resorted to arms and marched squadrons against the citadel of power and tried to crush the authority of the Federal government.

It was hostility in the open. But QUAY aimed at the same result in a different way. He tried to paralyze the government by withdrawing from it the necessary support. QUAY failed in his purpose as JEFFERSON DAVIS failed but of the two methods that of DAVIS was the more honorable and manly. The success of either would have come to the same result.

—If a bill now before the Legislature becomes a law the District Attorney of Centre county will receive a salary of \$1000 per annum.

Bad Wit Misapplied.

The Republicans had a bad quarter of an hour in Washington the other day and they made rather a poor list of it. The question was a statement that certain valuable relics, historic mementoes and cherished tokens that have come into the White House in one way or another during the century of its existence had not been properly taken care of lately.

The Republicans in the House of Representatives undertook to make light of the question. General GROSVENOR who knows about as much concerning humor as an elephant does about dancing the minuet took a hand in the discussion. "The pending bill," he said "relates to fine breeding animals, not bar fixtures."

There are over \$10,000,000 in the general fund in the state treasury and three or four millions in the sinking fund, and yet the Legislators at Harrisburg are still searching high and low for new subjects of taxation. Corporations are burdened and they in turn add to the cost of their service to the public and for what reason? For no other cause in the world except that the vast fund distributed over the State in the favored banks serves to influence voters to support the machine and perpetuate the power of the ring.

The greatest evil which was ever inflicted on this State was the indiscriminate appropriation of funds by the Legislature for so-called charity. It is nothing more or less than prostituting charity to the base of debauching politics. Charity is distributed not accordingly as it is needed or may achieve good results, but in the proportion that it helps the Republican machine and the institutions afford a rake-off to the dependent politicians of the State.

It has already been amply proved that in the Philippine policy of the government every cherished principle and sacred tradition of the country has been subverted. In fact this has been practically acknowledged by those responsible but they have held that the commercial and the pecuniary gain will compensate for the loss. This is putting a small estimate upon the value of principle even if the best expectations with respect to commercial advantages were realized.

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An Insult to The People.

Does the Republican machine imagine that the people of Pennsylvania are no longer capable of self-government! This conclusion may justly be inferred from the number of commissions that are being created by the Legislature. We are having commissions to fix our rates of taxation, and finally commissions to keep our public roads in repair.

It may be said that the commissions are created for the purpose of providing fat places for favored politicians and they do serve that purpose without doubt. The roads commission, for example, will require a civil engineer at a salary of three or four thousand dollars a year, besides secretaries, clerks and stenographers and the members of that commission must have their expenses paid at a luxurious rate.

This is a palpable and impudent insult to the people of Pennsylvania which should be resented promptly and vigorously. There never was a time in the history of the world in which intelligence was so generally and widely diffused as now and yet fifty years ago nobody would have dared intimate that the people of Pennsylvania needed commissions or imported talent to build and repair their roads, or school houses or other public or private institutions.

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—In the appointment of Wm. F. SMITH to be post-master at Walker the question is raised as to whether Col. W. F. REEDER is really the dispenser of patronage in Centre county or whether some of the lesser lights who have not bowed to the REEDER yoke have not still a way to the ear of the "old man."

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We Hope That Such Will be the Case.

From the Philadelphia Press.

Governor PENNYPACKER is reported to have declared in a semi-public way on Saturday that he had been making inquiries to ascertain if any demands had been made for a percentage of money appropriated by the Legislature to institutions, familiarly called a rake-off.

There was a great deal of scandal in the last Legislature about the reported rake-off on the charitable appropriations. At the close of the session the whole State was filled with talk of it, and some of the talk was sufficiently definite to include the names of persons who were in official position in the Legislature and the then State administration.

That probably ends the scandal so far as the last session is concerned. And there will be no similar scandal at this session. Long before the session met the influences which are recognized as potent in shaping legislation had concluded there should be no room for a repetition of such allegations, no matter how vague.

It can be said in the light of full knowledge on the subject that nothing at the present session has been watched with more vigilance and care by those who know it to be the purpose of the leaders of the Republican organization to see that there is no such scandal as that which grew out of the last session.

Governor PENNYPACKER has solidly clinched the matter by his request to be told of any demands made by anybody for a rake-off. The rake-off operator will be out of business during the present session of the Legislature and the present State administration.

As to the Widows.

From the Williamsport News.

Alfred A. Howlett, banker, contractor, and merchant of Syracuse, N. Y., invited 136 widows to participate in the celebration of his eighty-second birthday at his home on Tuesday last, and an even hundred were present.

In this assemblage, the Chicago Inter-Ocean contends, there must have been widows of all ages, all kinds, and all degrees of widowhood. But it is to be presumed that, whether old or young, homely or pretty, ordinary or fascinating, unhappy or joyful, consoled or inconsolable, expectant or hopeless, they were all genuine, as the aged Mr. Howlett seems to be a very particular sort of man.

Just what his object was in bringing all these widows together it is impossible to say. If he were a younger man it might be presumed that among the widows of his acquaintance he was hoping to find one who would be a comfort and a blessing to him.

As a matter of fact, if women in general would learn how to take care of the furnace and exhibit a desire to take care of it, and refuse to permit their husbands to take care of it, such parties as that given by the Syracuse banker, contractor, and merchant would be next to impossible, for there would be few if any widows in this country, genuine, legal, or grass.

An Embarrassing Object Lesson.

From the Columbia Independent.

Why did the Republicans take the duty off coal if, as they tell us, the foreigner pays the tariff tax? And why, if the people pay the tariff tax, do the Republicans wish the duty to go back a year from now unless to protect the monster coal trust? These are the two horns of the coal tariff dilemma. Take your choice, Republicans.

Not Such a High Mark to Set for Woman Either.

From the Easton Democrat.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that there is a strong agitation there in favor of admitting women to the Bourse, and it is believed that this innovation will be effected within a short time. Why shouldn't it be? Haven't women proved themselves as shrewd, as reliable and as honorable as many men of the business world?

Spawns from the Keystone.

—Mrs. Jane Larrabee, of Cross Forks, who has a husband and several children, becoming despondent, took her life early Saturday morning by hanging herself in the kitchen of her home.

—Cramp, Mitchell & Serrill, bankers, of Philadelphia, have purchased the controlling interest in the gas and electric properties of Easton, Pa., and Philadelphia, N. J., and will consolidate them.

—Wm. Harris, a tanner in Perry county, missed an occasional hide from his tannery and thinking they were being stolen by dogs sprinkled some of the hides with poison. The next morning he found a dead bear in his yard.

—Squire Joseph L. Holter, of Howard, has in his possession the oldest piece of money in this community. It is an \$800 Continental bill, dated April 10, 1774, and signed by Maddis Helpm, and is well preserved.

—The house of Patrick McTyghe and most of the contents above South Philipsburg, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday night at about 10 o'clock. It is said that there was no one in the house when it caught fire. The cause of the fire we have not learned.

—Edward Cooney, a log driver employed on Smith's drive, while engaged with other men in breaking a jam of logs on the headwaters of Kettle Creek, Sunday evening, was knocked into the stream by the moving logs and disappeared among the avalanche of twisting, moving timber. His body was badly crushed.

—Sixteen men employed by the American Bridge company, on the extension to the Juniata shops, quit work and left for Pittsburg Tuesday. They are all members of the Pittsburg local, No. 3, International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and were ordered to quit work on account of trouble in Pittsburg.

—Arthur Roush, of Sunbury, formerly of Selingsgrove, a brakeman on the Lewistown division, met with an accident Thursday in which he had both legs cut off above the knee. He was assisting in putting away his train at Lewistown when the accident happened. He was taken to the Lewistown hospital, where both legs were amputated.

—A law firm in Tennessee wants to know the whereabouts of the heirs of Jeremiah Church. Jeremiah Church was the founder of Lock Haven. His death occurred at Carlisle, Iowa, on November 1, 1874. The land that he owned in Tennessee and which was considered worthless at one time has become very valuable and for this reason his heirs are being looked for.

—Millard F. Blake, of Martinsburg, entered suit in the Blair county court at Hollidaysburg Monday against the Pennsylvania railroad company to recover \$282,875, alleged to be due him as royalties. Mr. Blake claims to be the patentee of the process of dumping freight cars through openings in the bottom of the cars, and he alleges that the company has used his device during the past four years without making proper compensation to him.

—While traveling along the public road in a wagon near his home at Bitumen, John Scisco, who is supposed to have been ill or intoxicated, fell from the wagon Sunday night and was instantly killed, his neck being broken. He landed on some rocks near the edge of a small stream, a portion of his body being submerged in the water. His wife was notified of the accident and Monday morning she went to the scene and pulled the body out of the water. Later Justice of the Peace Kepler, of Williamsport, who had been notified, arrived and held an inquest.

—The people of Johnstown are striving, through legislative enactment, to have a new county formed of small portions of Cambria, Indiana, Somerset and Westmoreland, and called Conemaugh, of which Johnstown would be the county seat. At present this big centre of population and business is thirty five miles from the county seat of Cambria county. Senator A. E. Patton has introduced a bill in the state legislature providing for a new county to be formed out of upper Cambria, northeastern Jefferson and southwestern Clearfield and Curwensville as the county seat.

—Oak Grove is "pushing on" at a great rate of speed. The New York Central Railroad company have now completed a power house, oil house, blacksmith shop, erecting shop, store room, office building, transfer table, yard masters' office, lumber sheds, coal tipple with pockets on both sides, scale house, electric light plant, boiler room and engine room and tool room. The transfer table is operated by electricity. There are thirty two tracks completed in the yards and there are about 5,000 cars stored there at all times, ready to be made up into trains and sent on. There are two underground crossings. By the middle of summer it is estimated there will be from 1,000 to 1,200 men at work in the shops and yards.

—A few evenings ago Oliver Bittner, of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, was attracted to his chicken coop by the barking of his dog and upon procuring his revolver and wending his way toward the coop he observed two fairly well dressed men enter. The cackling of the hens suggested to him that they were there for the purpose of theft and upon approaching nearer the thieves broke and ran. Mr. Bittner fired five shots at them, but on account of the darkness none took effect. Mr. Bittner says he has missed things heretofore, which he thinks were stolen and hereafter he proposes to protect his property even to the extent of putting the would be thieves out of the game.

—Steward H. Thompson, treasurer of the J. C. Blair company at Huntingdon, who died in that place a short time ago, in his will named as executor of his affairs the president of the company, E. McC. Africa. He left \$6000 to the First Methodist church of Huntingdon, \$1000 of which are to be applied to the liquidation of the debt resting for years on the congregation, and the other \$5000 to be placed in the steward's fund. To his step-son, William Moore, living in Boston, he bequeathed \$1000, and to his step-daughter, Mrs. Jarvis, residing in the same city, he left \$1000. All the remainder of his property which is considerable he left without limitation to his wife.