

Ink Slings.

-Have you noticed how sociable certain people are becoming as election time draws nigh?

-The equinoctial storm has either escaped ahead of time or our almanacs have all gone wrong.

-The flippant man never feels as foolish as he looks and the conscious man never looks as foolish as he feels.

-Sir THOMAS has found out that American corn on the cob can give him even a worse set-back than American yachts.

-The storm at Atlantic City Wednesday gave the Heintz pickle pier a variety that had never been numbered among the forty-seven before.

-If kissing babies amounts to anything as a campaign popularity maker down in Alabama HOBSON ought to win out easy in his congressional fight.

-If the navy is to take \$100,000,000 next year, who, under the blue canopy of Heaven, can conjecture what it will need the next and the next and the next . . . ?

-A state quarantine tug launched yesterday was christened "Governor Pennypacker." That is one of the misfortunes of being a tug. It can't help what it is called.

-When Wednesday's storm struck him off the Jersey coast the President found out that when it comes to strenuous old Boreas can make him look like a spring zephyr.

-SAM PARKS, the New York walking delegate, seems to be as notorious as SAM JONES, the evangelist. They are both SAMs, the only difference being that the one is a had man and the other trying to be good.

-Senator CARMACK's proposal to repeal the fifteenth amendment would meet with the most hearty co-operation in both houses of Congress if the members were voting their personal feelings, instead of playing the game of politics.

-The Democrats in Philadelphia are fighting again, so the papers say. This will be news throughout the State where very few people know that there are any Democrats in Philadelphia. The only time they are ever heard of is when they are fighting.

-Judge BIDDLE, of Carlisle, has just notified policemen and constables that they are in duty bound to arrest persons they hear swearing. He says he will fine offenders sixty-seven cents per oath. If officers in Bellefonte were to do the same thing the borough debt could be paid off in a jiffy.

-There being one MOON already in Congress the aspirations of Mr. MOON, of Pennsylvania, to break into that body appears like an attempt to over do the moon business. Supposing he does get there, wouldn't there be a luminosity about Washington if both MOONS got full at the same time?

-Of all the little potatoes and few in a hill the President of the United States is trying to become the littiest. Making a fuss because he couldn't be the ONLY guest of honor at a yacht club banquet might have been all right from some swell headed popinjay, but from the President it is pitiable.

-The High school scholar is getting as bad as the college lad on the hazing question and everyday some serious accident is reported as a result of this pernicious practice. Out in Indiana a boy died the other day from the effects of hazing and down in Harrisburg they had to call out the police to break it up. It is beginning to look as if good hard sense were at a premium among the rising generation.

-It might be because yellow and green are considered an harmonious combination that ex-fish policeman HARTER is trying to blend them. He always has showed a very large streak of yellow, but not until the last issue of his paper was it known that there is so much green in him. It is always the way with some people. They are never satisfied. Now that fish job was just his size—mentally, morally and physically—and yet he is fairly green with envy of everybody who has anything else.

-The eastern penitentiary is just more than springing surprises. With a gang of counterfeiters doing a thriving business in spurious coin within its walls, hundreds of thousands of convict cigars sold in violation of the law, hundreds of thousands of convict stockings stolen and drunken keepers reeling in at the public entrance, the public would be justified in thinking that if the tables were turned and some of the officers put behind the bars the interest of law and morality would be better conserved.

-In speaking of the great responsibility that is vested in the people of a Republican government at Pine Grove Mills, on Saturday, Judge LOVE urged the betterment of citizenship, as a means of insuring the right aims in the sovereign power of the people. The sentiment was a very creditable one and worthy of deep thought, but the question will arise in the minds of those who consider it most carefully as to whether the Judge, himself, conserves this better end in the matter of granting naturalization papers. The only danger this country has is from the awful influx of foreigners, with their inflammatory aims and lists, and our courts are the sole safeguard against the admission to citizenship of men who may think liberty is license.

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Unexampled Churlishness.

President ROOSEVELT revealed the littleness of his nature in a most striking manner the other day. He had been invited by the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht club of New York to attend the banquet of that organization at its club house across the bay from the summer capital this evening, and accepted the invitation. Subsequently he learned that Sir THOMAS LIPTON had been similarly invited and had also accepted. Thereupon the President notified the banquet committee of the club that unless he were the only guest of honor at the banquet he would be obliged to withdraw his acceptance and absent himself from the function. In explanation of the matter, subsequently, his secretary said "the President couldn't have the honors of the affair divided with anybody."

The banquet committee was, of course, obliged to withdraw the invitation to Sir THOMAS LIPTON and make such apologies as the ingenuity of its members could suggest. What explanations were made to him have not been revealed but the excuses made to the public have been lame affairs. Mr. COLGATE HOLT, chairman of the board of governors, denied that Sir THOMAS had been invited. Mr. FRANCIS C. STEWART, secretary of the club, admitted the invitation to LIPTON and declared that "he did not know that Mr. HOYT had promised President ROOSEVELT not to have any other honorary guests at the banquet," and Mr. WILLIAM LOEB, the President's secretary, declared that upon his own responsibility he informed Mr. HOYT that if Sir THOMAS was to be a guest the President would probably decline the invitation." Later Sir THOMAS himself, stated that he had not been invited.

Sir THOMAS LIPTON is probably the most conspicuous yachtsman in the world. It is estimated that he has spent in all upwards of \$3,000,000 in attempts to lift the American's cup and it is admitted by all that he is the most sports-man-like and generous competitor who has ever contested for that trophy. The disappointment of his last defeat would have been greatly mitigated by the courtesy which the officers of the club in question proposed to bestow on him. But the inordinate vanity of the clown who occupies the office of President prevented so gracious an act. The fear that with LIPTON present he wouldn't be the whole thing at the feast impelled ROOSEVELT to put on the club conditions which excluded the distinguished visitor. Such an exhibition of contemptible churlishness has probably never been made before.

Assertion of Military Power.

Ten days ago a sentry at the Allegheny arsenal, Pittsburg, shot and killed a man named CROWLEY who appeared to be trespassing on the premises. Subsequently the civil authorities of Pittsburg applied to the commandant of the arsenal, lieutenant W. R. DRURY, for the body of the perpetrator of the crime. The Lieutenant refused to surrender the man, giving as a reason that he had no information as to the right of the persons making the demand to possession of the accused. A warrant of a Justice of the Peace was presented by a constable, but that didn't satisfy the Lieutenant. The General commanding the military department was appealed to and he telegraphed orders to surrender the man but the Lieutenant refused to obey and at this writing the civil authorities have been unable to make the arrest.

This is the first exhibition of the policy of making the civil authority subservient to the military in this country. It is the first real exhibition of the power of a military government. The fifty-ninth article of war, which, up until the present case, has governed the conduct of military officers under similar circumstances declares that "when any officer or soldier is accused of a capital crime, or of any offense against the person or property of any citizen of the United States, which is punishable by the laws of the land, his commanding officer is required, except in time of war, to use his utmost endeavors to deliver the accused over to the civil magistrate upon application duly made in order to bring him to trial." For the first time in the history of the government this course has not been pursued.

The sentry who killed his man declares that he believed the trespasser was stealing copper from the premises of the arsenal and that it was necessary for him to commit, we were going to say murder but will modify it to, "the killing," in order to prevent the larceny. Possibly that was true and the question of whether a man's life may be taken in order to prevent him from committing petty larceny may be left to the determination of the law. But the right of the civil authorities to the custody of the offender is beyond question and should be enforced. In the case in point the provision of the article of war which provides for the dismissal from the service of any officer who "neglects wilfully to perform his duty in turning an accused man over to the civil authorities," ought to be strictly enforced also.

Condemnation the Course.

Have our esteemed Republican contemporaries in this State all forgotten their indignation over the press muzzler? It was denounced very vehemently immediately after its passage and during the interval between that event and the meeting of the Republican state convention Republican contemporaries found great satisfaction in declaring, with all the energy and earnestness that they could command, that under no circumstances would they ever support any man who voted for it or otherwise encouraged its passage, for any office. But a change appears to have come over the spirit of their dreams. Now they "pipe as meekly as a snoking dove."

One of the principal supporters of the press muzzler heads the Republican state ticket. Without the acquiescence of State Senator WILLIAM P. SNYDER it may be safely asserted that the measure never would have passed. It is not that he exercised so vast an influence in the Legislature, generally speaking. As a matter of fact he didn't, for he never took the lead on any measure during his prolonged service in House and Senate. But the conditions under which that measure passed were peculiar. There were a dozen Republican Senators ready to revolt and all that was needed to complete the movement was one man with nerve enough to defy the bosses. SNYDER had every reason to do that but failed.

In other words the present Republican candidate for Auditor General had no grievance against the press of the State. He had been treated kindly by it and had every reason to protest against the manifest injustice which was contemplated. But he lacked the courage. The manhood was absent and because of his failure to do his duty on that occasion every newspaper in Pennsylvania which fails to condemn him, as an utterly unfit for the office to which he aspires and absolutely unworthy of public confidence, stultifies itself. A negative support is quite as bad as a cordial endorsement. Condemnation is the only course.

The Fearful Cost.

Last Saturday the United States transport Kilpatrick steamed into port at New York with 302 coffins in her hold containing the bodies of that many American soldiers who had died or been killed in the Philippines. The war in the Philippines has been officially over for more than three years and during all that time cargoes of dead soldiers have been coming in the same way for distribution among the communities which have given from their young manhood victims for death in the Asiatic tropics. This last cargo attracted unusual attention because the number of corpses was greater than usual.

It is a little more than five years since Admiral DEWEY's ship fired on and captured Manila, the capital and metropolis of the Philippines and since that date 250,000 brave young Americans have gone there to fight for the subjugation of a few million semi-savages who are contending for the right of self government. Of those who have come home and those who still remain it may be said that 200,000 have survived. But 50,000 at least have gone to their graves there and in this country, many having been brought home for burial, but the harvest of death continues, and it may be said, in increasing abundance.

How long is this to continue? Is there to be no end to it? The experience of all time proves that there is but one way to subdue a people who have imbibed aspirations for liberty and that is to extinguish them. Are the people of the United States ready to proceed with a policy which involves such a result? The founders of the Republic declared that all men are born equal and among the inalienable rights of man are those of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Are their sons of this day willing to put the lie on their lips by waging a war of conquest on a people who crave the boon of self-government, the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? And at such a cost as is expressed in the cargo of corpses which arrived last Saturday.

The idea advanced by Gen. BEAVER at the annual reunion of the Centre county Veteran's Association, at Pine Grove Mills, on Saturday, that possibly it would serve a broader, nobler and more living purpose if the money that is being raised for a monument to the soldiers and sailors of Centre county were expended in another way than in cold marble and bronze, is quite in line with the suggestion of Rev. Geo. I. BROWN and the WATCHMAN, made several months ago. The General struck the true note of the ideal memorial when he said it should be something more than an object of beauty to look upon. It should be a public benefaction, as well. The idea was not presented to the association as a formal proposition, but merely hinted at for the old soldiers to consider. Let us hope that when they have thought deeply of it a hospital or a public library and soldiers retreat may appear to them as a more fitting memorial than a monument, however imposing.

Payne Declined to Testify.

The Postmaster General has refused to testify at the hearing of GEORGE W. BEAVERS, former chief of the salary and allowance division of the Postoffice Department, who is charged with defrauding the government in collusion with others in the purchase of supplies for the Department, and he is supported in his refusal by a decision of Acting Attorney General HOYT, who declares that the subpoena was void. Maybe it was under a strict technical construction. But in the nature of things Postmaster General PAYNE would better have obeyed it, notwithstanding. If he is in no way incriminated in the frauds of the Postoffice Department no harm could have come of his appearance and testimony in the case. His refusal to appear justifies the suspicion that he is incriminated.

General PAYNE was subpoenaed to appear and testify at the instance of the defendant in the case. The subpoena was also for books, papers and records in the case. That would indicate that BEAVERS knows something that he hasn't as yet revealed and that there is a story that hasn't been told in the records of the Department. Probably it was because of this that BEAVERS took his arrest so philosophically. It is even possible that it was on account of it that when an officer from the United States court in Brooklyn presented a warrant for him in New York, BEAVERS gave him the laugh and peremptorily refused to obey the order of arrest. The knowledge that he has somebody higher up in the toils makes an accused person very independent.

Under the decision of the Acting Attorney General, however, the hearing in the BEAVERS case will have to be conducted and completed without the presence of the Postmaster General. The accused may be deprived of important testimony which would have been of infinite value to him by the failure of the Postmaster General to appear and testify. In other words his counsel might have been able to force the Postmaster General to admit that some one other than BEAVERS got the benefit of the rake-off in the purchase of supplies and that would have tended to exculpate Mr. BEAVERS from blame. But he needn't despair in any event. At the trial he can force the Postmaster General to testify.

A Picturesque Situation.

The public will watch with deep interest the developments in the Delaware post office controversy. At present there appears to be no escape from a break in the cabinet, but as Post-master General PAYNE and President ROOSEVELT are both resourceful fellows nobody can tell what may be the outcome. Obviously the President expected that PAYNE would consent to a self-immolation for the good of the party and his chief. But quite as clearly PAYNE has refused to take upon himself such a humiliation and has thrown back in the teeth of the President a full share of the responsibility. One or the other must take the back track or else they must separate, officially.

This has all grown out of the dismissal of Miss TODD, postmistress at Greenwood, Delaware. That lady, who had been an efficient public servant, was dismissed because, as the Postmaster General put it, she was "personally and politically obnoxious to Senator ALLEE." If the public had kept still that would have been the end of the matter, but the people kicked up a disturbance which led the Postmaster General to supplement his original statement by another to the effect that the Delaware Senators had entered into a written agreement that each should have undisturbed control of the patronage in certain areas. This peculiarly offensive form of spoils politics excited popular indignation throughout the country to appraise which the President demanded of the Postmaster General an explanation. Instead of taking the blame upon his own shoulders with becoming humility, PAYNE replied, reiterating his statement about the agreement, and adding that "it was made with the knowledge and consent of the President."

This was clearly putting the responsibility for a disreputable bargain upon the President and convicting him of political perfidy, personal dishonor and general dishonesty. If the President submits to such imputations he acknowledges the accusation and if he denies, PAYNE will have no course open to him except that of resigning. In either event there is plenty of fun in store for the political public. If PAYNE resigns he will be obliged to vindicate himself by proving his charges. If he doesn't resign and remains in official relations with the President both will be condemned by universal consent as poltroons who are held together by the force of public plunder. It is a picturesque situation to say the least.

A very hard rain storm passed over this section yesterday morning. Rain began falling about four o'clock and continued until nine. At times pouring in torrents. While no damage was done it served to keep the crowd away from the Granger's picnic on the usually big day.

"THE MAN I KNEW I KILLED"

Being the Bloody Reminiscence of Valorous Hart, of Mosquito Creek.

From "The New Yorker."

Valorous Hart of Mosquito Creek, was the next old soldier asked to speak. He did good work in '61. Both in charge and "on the run" and we settled back to hear him tell his reasons for thinking "War is Hell."

"Dear comrades of Bell-Harman Post and ladies of the Corps, I thank you for the invite and I'm proud to take the floor. I was thinking, as I sat here of the battles that I've fought, of the sun 'n' rain and the slaughter, and the sudden, awful thought came across me that I'd taken very likely scores of lives."

Taken fathers from their children, taken husbands from their wives. While mad with the heat of battle I was pumping, seeking lead. Not knowing, no, no caring, where the bullet found its bed. Now people they will ask us if we really, truly know.

For a fact that while a-fightin' we have ever killed a foe. But it's not you, and a soldier who has seen, in the heat of strife, that the bullet he had fired was the one to take a life.

Now, to-night, I'm going to tell you, though I hate to, boys, I swan, that I know I done my murder; that I know I've killed my man.

'T was when we got our rapping at the fight of Hatcher's run: I was running hard as any; yes, I threw away my gun. And the rest of my equipment, and proceeded, friends, to steer. Just as fast as legs would help me for protection at the rear.

I was quite a nifty printer—"bout as swift as I will find. But I couldn't shake that Johnny who came slamin' on behind: For he had the Georgy saddle and was sort of razor edged. And if nothing special busted, I was spoke for, so I judged.

He was hanging to his rifle, but he didn't try to shoot. He seen he had me solid, but I gave the blame galoot. A standard mile or sech like, and had driv him 'in the list."

When I stepped upon a stubble, fell, and gave my leg a twist. And the stumblin' sort of stunned me so I laid there quite a spell. Expectin' that he'd grab me; just a-harkin' for his yell.

But things stayed calm and quiet, so I peeked; he laid there sprawled. 'Bout a dozen yards behind me, and he looked so queer I crawled.

Slowly back to reconnoitre; got where I could see his head. Saw his face was black; a stove pipe, apoplexy; he was dead.

And I stood and wept above him, stirred, dear comrades, to the peth. With the awful, awful pity for that man I'd run to death!

And my conscience always pricked me, and my heart with grief is filled. For there ain't no question, comrades, that's a man I know I killed."

A Wise Course.

From the Williamsport Sun. In refusing to incorporate national issues in its platform the Pennsylvania Democracy acted wisely and sensibly. The presidential election will not occur until after the next year and the issues of that contest have not yet been clearly defined. Some of the old issues have been buried and will not be resurrected. The campaign this year will be fought on state questions by the Democrats—issues that appeal to the people of the State—and next year's fight may well be left until then. There is no occasion of the real issues of the state campaign by the Democrats. When the proper time comes they will give expression to their views on national issues.

Miles and Root.

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner. Elihu Root served as Secretary of War for several years and upon tendering his resignation received a letter from the President in which the latter said: "The American people wish you well and appreciate in full the debt due to you for all that you have done for them in their behalf." General Nelson A. Miles served the American people for forty years and was permitted to retire from the public service with a decidedly formal order issued by one of General Miles' discredited subordinates. And yet Mr. Roosevelt has frequently told us that the services of the soldier are entitled to the "highest consideration."

Don't Look So Easy.

From the Greensburg Democrat. The widespread and deep interest already being evinced by Republican journals in the Democratic candidate for President, next year, indicates pretty clearly that they do not anticipate a lifeless campaign or a "walk-over" for Roosevelt.

If the second resolution adopted by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Centre county, at their recent convention here, really voices the sentiments of their hearts we can look for the women to take a decided stand against the press muzzler and those who helped pass it. They say "the newspaper constitutes the forum before which ALL public question are discussed" and if they are honest in the conviction that that is the function of the newspaper they cannot but deprecate such an attempt to bribe the press as Governor PENNYPACKER and his boot lickers in the recent Legislature made.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-At the conclusion of the commencement exercises of the Lock Haven hospital training school for nurses Tuesday evening, Miss Springer, the graduate, was wedded to Dr. W. J. Shoemaker.

-S. T. Moore, of Milroy, and William M. Grove Esq., of Centre Hill, surveyed the Huyett lands in the Seven mountains last week. This tract had been purchased by the State some months ago.

-While operating a clothes wringer Thursday, Mrs. J. A. Simcox, of Jersey Shore, threw her left elbow out of joint, causing her much pain. It was the first time she had used the wringer in four years.

-The corner stone of the new M. E. church at Blair Furnace was laid Sunday. The speakers were Revs. E. E. Harter, J. K. Lloyd and G. M. Klefer, of Altoona. When completed the edifice will cost about \$4,000.

-The Catholic church at Spangler has raised \$1,914 as the result of an offer by Andrew Carnegie in which the canny Scot agreed to donate half the cost of a fine pipe organ if the church would secure the balance.

-The Luther League of the State of Pennsylvania will meet in annual session in the city of Reading, October 20th-21st, 1903. The convention will be held under the auspices of the Central Luther League of Reading and vicinity.

-The big saw mill of the Lackawanna Lumber company at Cross Fork, which was destroyed by fire some months ago, has been almost wholly rebuilt. Part of it is now running and the remainder will soon be ready for operation.

-The borough of South Williamsport has lately assumed some of the bustling and bustling of her elder sister on the north bank of the Susquehanna river and has secured a new industry in the shape of brass works by raising \$10,000.

-Samuel Coulter, 84 years old, has begun a suit for divorce from his wife, Eliza Coulter, 78 years old, in Lawrence county, for alleged neglect. The court directed Coulter to pay an attorney to defend the wife, who is an invalid and without funds.

-Charles S. Harman, of Clinton township, Lyscoming county, a shoemaker of the old school, a first-class blacksmith and a man who is handy with almost any kind of a tool 77 years of age, and laboring every day, is just now working out a pair of ladies' seamless shoes, which if he is entirely successful, may bring about a revolution in the manufacture of fine foot wear.

-The Huntingdon and Clearfield Telephone Co. has authorized the construction of a line from Clearfield, which will take in Mahaffey, Glen Campbell, Arcadia, Barnesboro, Hastings, Spangler and Carrolltown. It is also expected that the company will give service to Pittsburg and possibly Philadelphia via Johnstown by January list. These new constructions will be an advantage the Phillipsburg patrons of this company will greatly appreciate.

-The team of horses recently left at the livery stable of Boney Gardner at Phillipsburg by an individual who disappeared and has never been heard of since, belonged to A. M. Masters, a well-known Johnstown liveryman, who went to that town, gave sufficient proof that they were his horses, and after settling all expense in connection with their keeping, drove them back to his home. The team had been hired by some one whose name Mr. Masters could not give, but he would like to know the whereabouts of the culprit so that he could turn the tables and work the lever the other way a little while.

-While the family of John Irwin, of Fairfield Center, Lyscoming county, were sitting at the supper table on Thursday evening, the 7-year-old boy was shot in the hand by a bullet. He was hurried to Montoursville, where Dr. VanHorn was obliged to amputate his index and second fingers. The injury is very serious, but the boy will in all probability completely recover. The mystery of the bullet's flight is still practically unsolved. It crashed through the window in the dining room while the family were eating supper, splintering the pane of glass and striking the little boy on the hand.

-Punxsutawney was visited by the most destructive fire in fifteen years Tuesday morning, the loss being conservatively estimated at \$75,000. The fire broke out at about 4:30 o'clock in the Hamilton building, in the business part of north Findley street. Six large buildings were destroyed and ten more were badly damaged, rendering twenty families homeless. Three little children belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pantall, who resided in the Hamilton building, were rescued by dropping them from the second story into a blanket. Only one building would have been destroyed, probably, had the water pressure been sufficient to force a stream three stories high.

-A wave of prosperity has struck Altoona as far as the shops are concerned as a number of departments have been ordered to work overtime, until the company has caught up with the rush work. The men will be asked to work thirteen hours a day, for four days a week to meet the demand. The men in several departments in the Juniata car and machine shops, numbering more than a thousand men, will be benefitted by the wave of prosperity. In most of the departments the men will work thirteen hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The tank shop worked thirteen hours Monday for the first time in months. The freight shop is working overtime on several orders while at the Juniata shops day and night turns are working in several departments.

-The Clinton county jail at Lock Haven this week broke all records for youthful prisoners. The sheriff of Clinton county had the keeping of an extremely diminutive charge, who has been in the world just five weeks. Connected with the child is an unusual story. It seems that the mother of the babe, whose husband was not living with her, died in the Lock Haven hospital when the child was only five weeks old. A brother of the dead woman took the little one to McElhattan. While the McElhattan relatives attended the funeral of the mother the child was secured by the father, who went with a constable to McElhattan. Then he returned to Lock Haven, intending to leave after closing up his affairs. While he lingered the brother of the dead woman got out a writ of habeas corpus in order to get possession of the child, and it is pending a settlement of the case that the sheriff has charge of the baby.