

Ink Stings.

Stand in on a crossin' with my gun on my arm... With my trusty, my sure thing...

Straw bail is quoted about as low as baled straw in the Philadelphia markets.

Judge LOVE was thankful that November, 1904, is still a year in the future.

Can it be that Russia really means to try the "benevolent assimilation" dodge on China.

Many an anxious parent will have reason to be thankful that the foot-ball season is over.

CARIE NATION's prayer for a Prohibitionist President might be answered some day, but the Lord deliver us from another HAYES.

Dr. M. J. LOCKE looked over his fine new house and was thankful that he defeated anti-CLEMENTINA DALS for the congressional conference of this county a year ago.

The Philadelphia grafters must surely be conscience stricken if the report be true that they expect to steal only \$5,000,000 out of the new \$25,000,000 loan that city is to negotiate.

People who never do anything themselves are always first to decry the efforts of others. Witness the hybrid press of Pennsylvania's attack on the Democratic state organization.

Col. EDWARD ROYAL CHAMBERS looked into the mirror and was thankful that that new uniform of his makes SOLOMON'S much vaunted raiment look like a fish monger's garb.

If the Powers would do to the Turkey on the other side of the water what we did to the turkey on this side yesterday there would never be such things as outrages in Armenia in the future.

Since Mr. ISRAEL DURHAM has announced that "QUAY will remain in the Senate until he dies" all rumors as to the old man's retirement are set at rest until he has been finally laid to rest.

The price of crude oil has been pushed up five cents a gallon. Can it be possible that JOHN D. can't worry along on that twenty million dollar income he had from his Standard oil holdings last year.

The State Economic Zoologist may be all right as a bugologist but in his "Hunting notes for November" there is ample proof that good bugologists can often learn something from very poor hunters.

The foot-ball season having closed the hard working college boy will have to bestir himself for some other diversionment, else there will be nothing left for him to do but study—and wouldn't that be awful?

How many parents were thankful yesterday because they have enough good, hard horse sense to realize that when their children are punished in school ninety-nine times out of a hundred it is because they deserve it.

BOB FITZSIMMONS and GEO. GARDNER fought twenty-rounds in San Francisco Wednesday night. The pity is that both of them were not pounded beyond the power of ever participating in more such diabolical exhibits.

The much heralded fall-out which PLATT and ODELL are supposed to have had over Republican leadership in New York is very likely only a pit which those two wily schemers are digging for their enemies to fall into.

Mrs. EDDY, the head of the Christian Science propaganda, having been robbed the public will expect her to come out with a statement to the effect that she was robbed at all; that it was merely the appearance of a robbery.

Since "Pennsylvania has no ills worthy of mention" it is presumed that "Cousin PENNY" will resent any reference to his efforts to set it up for himself on the Supreme court bench as an itch for office that is worthy of mention.

The New York surgeon who has just attempted to make an ear taken from one man grow on the side of another man's head will be looked upon as a wonder, if he succeeds and a blundering fool if he fails. But the margin between success and failure was ever narrow.

The Bellefonte taxpayer looked up one of those two thousand (?) candle power street lights of ours and was thankful that nineteen hundred and ninety of the candle powers are being saved for some time when we won't need any light.

The hard working minister is delighted, of course, to see his church pews gradually filling up as cold weather advances. But we fear that the cause is due more to the fact that it is too cold for Sunday evening twosing on the streets than from any sincere seeking after the gospel.

The alarming increase and boldness of murder in this country should arrest the attention of thinking people. The low valuation placed on human life is frightful and the loop holes provided by technical lawyers, through which criminals may escape punishment for their crimes, is, possibly, one of the greatest causes of it.

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Roosevelt Incapacitated.

That the administration at Washington participated in the conspiracy which culminated in the revolution of Panama against the rightful government of Columbia no longer admits of doubt.

That is probably the basest perversion of power to the prejudice of the national rights of a sister Republic that has ever been perpetrated by a civilized government.

The crime has been committed and may go unpunished. For self-reasons Great Britain, Germany and France may allow this atrocity as they have acquiesced in the outrages of the Turk in Armenia and of the Boxers in China.

Weaver and Durham.

There are interesting reports current in Philadelphia of an irreconcilable difference between Mayor WEAVER of that city and the political boss of the halliwick, insurance commissioner DURHAM.

It may be worth while to suggest, however, that there will be no bloodshed on account of this political war. In other words it may be safely predicted that it is only a make-believe contest gotten up for the purpose of creating the impression that there is some independence and manhood left in the organization.

Mayor WEAVER is just the fellow to conduct such a bogus warfare. He is body and soul the property of the boss. From an obscure lawyer DURHAM has raised him within three years to the most distinguished position in the official life of the city.

This morning at 10 o'clock a meeting of all the committees of the Centre county soldier's memorial association, of the Veteran's club of Centre, of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of any other patriotic organizations interested, will be held in the arbitration room in the court house for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the erection of a monument or memorial building to the soldiers and sailors of the county and the distinguished War Governor.

Quay to Succeed Quay.

Insurance Commissioner ISRAEL W. DURHAM has settled the question of QUAY'S successor with "neatness and dispatch."

We are glad that Judge DURHAM is thus frank in his treatment of this important question. QUAY himself has been playing fast and loose with certain gentlemen and "working" them to the Queen's taste in his deceptions. HARRY OLIVER, of Pittsburg, for example, has been contributing to the expenses of QUAY'S expensive vice for a dozen years in the expectation that within a reasonable time the toga would be transferred to his shoulders.

We are inclined to believe that DURHAM is correct as well as candid in his statement of the affair. QUAY would have been willing to sign an iron-bound and steel riveted pledge that he would retire on the expiration of his present term just before he was re-elected or about the time that he was striving to defeat JOHN P. ELKIN for the nomination of Governor.

Our Powerful Senators.

Senators QUAY and PENROSE have been generously treated in the formation of the Senate committees for the Fifty-eighth Congress, the Washington dispatches inform us and an examination of the lists justify the estimate. QUAY has been made chairman of the committee on Expenditures of the Executive Departments and PENROSE is the head of that on Postoffices and Post Roads.

Refined to the last degree the science of statesmanship is the control of the patronage. The bills appropriating funds to conduct the Departments pass through the committee on Expenditures of the Executive Departments and measures providing for the expansion or contraction of the postal service, for contracts for carrying the mails on land and sea and for supplies for the Department are referred to the committee on Postoffices and Post Roads.

In view of these facts who will deny that our Senators have been generously treated in the formation of the committees. Suppose, for example, that the President should decline to make such an appointment to any office in any department which QUAY might demand? All QUAY would need to do would be to cut down the appropriation for the maintenance and repairs of the White House, say half. That would bring his excellency to a sense of his duty and QUAY'S importance at once and bring the answer quite as promptly.

An Inexplicable Feature.

The strangest thing in connection with Mr. CHAMBERLAIN'S endeavor to fasten a system of tariff taxation on the British public is the unaccounted satisfaction it affords the protectionist organs in this country.

The purpose of CHAMBERLAIN'S movement is obviously to build up the British colonies at the expense of the mother country, as England is properly called. It is not altogether benevolent inclination toward the colonies either, but a purpose to strengthen the bond of friendship between the people of the colonies and those of the mother country by creating a selfish relationship between them.

Hitherto Great Britain has been taking all the surplus agricultural products of the United States and the vast crops of recent years have made that market a source of immense profit and prosperity. But suppose the purchasing agents of the British empire turn their attention to the cultivation of wheat and corn in Canada and other British colonies, how long will it be before our surplus agricultural products become a drug in the market and the agricultural industry of the country become a medium of bankruptcy rather than a source of wealth.

Wood's Military Record.

General LEONARD WOOD appears to be having a military record made to order. He was sadly in need of something of the kind and by his own contrivance or under direction of the President the war in the Philippines has been re-opened and the press reports are making him the hero of bloody battles. Few men are so favored. Only the creatures of destiny can make war or peace at will. But General WOOD can do such things without trouble. When his tenure of office in Cuba became irksome and all the concessions had been disposed of he managed to have peace made. When he needed a military record war in the Philippines bobs up serenely.

For two weeks General WOOD'S military record had been under investigation at Washington and the testimony was damaging. It was showed that five years ago he was an assistant surgeon with the rank of captain but a strong pull. When the Spanish war broke out he was made Col. of Roosevelt's regiment of Rough Riders. That organization participated in one battle, but nobody knows what part he took in the engagement. He gave ROOSEVELT every opportunity and was assigned to all the soft snaps in sight. When ROOSEVELT became President the boosting of WOOD began and though he had never, so far as the public is informed, heard the report of a hostile gun, he was boosted up to the high rank of a major general over the heads of more than a hundred grizzled veterans who had earned promotion by arduous and hazardous service.

This rapid advancement was the reward not of service to the country but of servility to ROOSEVELT. Untluckily for both the donor and recipient of the favor, however, the concurrence of the Senate was necessary to the completion of the plans and the absence of a military record became a source of embarrassment. But WOOD or ROOSEVELT has proved equal to the emergency. One of them has gotten up a war with the MOROS, subjects of the Sultan of Sulu, and by brilliant paper warfare the recordless surgeon has been converted into a military hero of splendid capacity and brilliant achievement. Do they think all the people are fools that such frauds can be perpetrated with impunity?

ANDREW CARNEGIE was sixty six years old on Wednesday, yet there are still very few signs of his getting ready to die poor.

If what Mr. DURHAM says is true about QUAY remaining in the Senate as long as he lives there is only one hope for Pennsylvania and that will be in a forest fire that will sweep the "dying oak" from the Senate chamber.

The Treaty of 1846.

That Made Between New Granada and the United States.

WASHINGTON, November 24.—The Senate, in executive session, has made public the correspondence submitted by President Polk, in 1847, in relation to the treaty of 1846 between the United States and New Granada. It is stated that these papers have never been published. They consist of protocols between Benjamin A. Bidlack, charge of the United States at Bogota, and Manuel M. Mallarino, secretary of foreign affairs for New Granada.

In a communication to Secretary of State Buchanan, Mr. Bidlack disposes of the control of the isthmus in which he says that Secretary Mallarino had said that if New Granada "ceded to the United States the right of way across the isthmus, he presumed the United States would guarantee to New Granada, the isthmus, or at least as much of it as was required for the construction of a canal or a railroad upon the most favorable route."

Mr. Bidlack, in transmitting a draft of the treaty to Secretary Buchanan had the following to say regarding the transit across the isthmus: "With regard to the right of transit and free passage over the isthmus, which appeared to me to be becoming of more and more importance every day, I have only to remark that I have procured the 'largest liberty' and the very best terms that could be obtained."

In the Interest of Good Roads.

From the Harrisburg Patriot. Continued apathy has seemed to beset the matter of good roads in this State, but there are indications that during the winter, when the corn is all husked and the farmer may enjoy his hearthstone at home and social intercourse outside there will be serious consideration of the first question of improved highways. From various parts of the State it is announced that commissioners of the counties and leading unofficial citizens are preparing to meet and discuss ways and means of using the State appropriation, and that the chief of the State Highways Bureau will be serious to speak upon the subject and explain the operation of the law and the mysteries of scientific road building.

This is really encouraging. To those who have watched with some anxiety the course of events since the enactment of the law appropriating \$8,000,000 for the construction of good roads in the counties it almost seemed that the farmers did not want improved roads, but would prefer the old-fashioned kind which were poor enough at any time, but which in time of rains are transformed into hogs. It now appears probable that the apparent apathy has been due to the press of work, and that vigorous steps will be taken in many of the counties of the State to initiate a practical movement for better highways. When the rural population once comprehend the magical things that can be wrought with well broken stone, gravel and a heavy steam roller; that in this simple combination lies the secret of making the country road the counterpart of the asphalt highway, or something even more desirable, they will not be slow to take advantage of the very few good actions of the last Legislature.

The Horror Near Lilly was an Accident.

JOHNSTOWN, Nov. 23.—The verdict of the coroner's jury in the investigation of Saturday's fire is to the effect that the twenty-five or more men came to their death in a purely accidental manner. The inquiry brought out the fact that the death of the men was due to the action of one man. This man, whose name is unknown, tried to save from the flames a cot and mattress. When he reached the door there was a large number of men immediately behind him. The rush caused the cot to jam in the door and no one was able to pass. Witnesses testified that some of the unfortunate foreigners tried to pull the cot away but failed. The origin of the fire will probably never be learned.

The Dead Number Thirty.

JOHNSTOWN, 22.—Two of the Italians who were burned in the lodging shanty fire at Lilly Saturday morning, died at a hospital in this city to-day. This brings the total death list up to thirty. Ten other victims of the disaster at the hospital here are in a serious condition. Four of them will die. All of the victims were Italians and most of them have families in the old country. The scene of the fire was visited to-day by hundreds of people. The bones and pieces of charred flesh, all that remained of twenty-eight men, had been gathered up and placed in baskets. They will be buried to-morrow.

Big Tannery Burned.

Fire broke out in the Summit tannery of the Elk Tanning company of Curwensville at an early hour Sunday morning and destroyed the main building, entailing a loss of \$100,000. It is claimed that the fire was caused by friction of the pulleys. The departments destroyed were the beam house, rocker room, and roller room. The loss will temporarily drive 100 men out of employment.

Spawns from the Krystone.

Jesse Price, of Syracuse, who was arrested at Ansonia Monday under suspicion of having some knowledge of the Clendenin murder was discharged from custody Tuesday.

Mt. Union is such a healthy place of residence that there has been no deaths since that of an infant, August 4th. This is fine for the citizens, but hard on the undertakers. It is a remarkable record for a town containing 2,500 inhabitants.

Dr. Robert H. Milnor, of Warrensville, shot and killed Henry Anthony Plank, also of Warrensville, Tuesday morning, mistaking him for a deer. Plank was hunting alone. Dr. Milnor is a brother of the sheriff of Lycoming county.

Following the heavy shipment of coal to the South last week, there was a general resumption of all the river mines in the fourth pool of the Monongahela river, giving employment to five thousand miners. The men have been idle on account of the scarcity of empty coal barges.

Samuel Alexander, colored, a laborer employed at the new tunnel at Gallitzin, while attempting to board a freight train at that place Monday night, slipped and fell under the wheels. He was conveyed to the Altoona hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the right foot.

The commissioners of Bedford county have offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of Homer Quarry, who murdered Charles Tinter at Woodbury recently by striking him on the head with a stick of cord wood, fracturing his skull. Quarry is 25 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height and has lost the front upper teeth.

Bishop Talbot, of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, appointed Wednesday, November 25th, and St. Luke's church, Altoona, as the time and place for the ordination of Mr. George E. Fabor, to the diaconate, and the Rev. Francis C. Huber and the Rev. Robert F. Gibson to the order of priest-hood. The services began Thursday morning at 9:30. The Rev. Dr. Clewett went to participate in the ordination.

At an early hour last Saturday morning robbers broke into the Pennsylvania railroad station at Clearfield and wrecked the safe. The inner door did not give way, however, and the intruders failed to secure anything valuable. The noise of the explosion aroused some of the residents in the vicinity, but the burglars had disappeared before anybody reached the scene of action.

A child of Claggett Cribbs, of Blairville, about eight months old, swallowed a large open safety pin Thursday morning, Nov. 12. The pin lodged in the child's trachea, its wedge shape preventing it from going the whole way down. Dr. Kingensmith found the point of the pin just visible. The little one was chloroformed and the pin extracted with but little difficulty.

It is the same old story over and over. A large number of Altoona housewives, a few days ago, were cajoled into buying from a slick swindler, a wonderful cleansing liquid, warranted to remove all sorts of stains. The price was one dollar, but the bright young man reduced it to sixty-five cents. Later the woman found they had purchased an inferior quality of gasoline worth about four cents.

A party of Chester gunners, who have been hunting in Millin county this State, discovered a cave in the mountain side a few miles out from Burnham. The cavern was explored by the hunters, who entered by a passage about six feet in width and, after climbing down a precipitous natural stairway, found themselves in a large room or subterranean auditorium that would seat 500 or 600 people. The flashing of the torches revealed some very pretty stalactites.

On Friday a foreigner from Helvetia went to the Punxsutawney hospital and asked for admission, saying he was ill. The doctor on duty at the time, it is claimed, refused the man admission. Later, he wandered into a doctor's office where there were a half dozen patients. It didn't take the man of medicine a minute to decide that the man had small pox. He was taken to the city building and cared for until he died, Sunday night. The doctors in the town are doing a land office business in the vaccination line.

Captain George G. Boyer, a survivor of the "First Defenders" which were the first troops to enter Washington on the call of President Lincoln for volunteers at the breaking out of the civil war, died at Harrisburg on Tuesday of heart failure after a lingering illness, aged 61 years. Captain Boyer was for several years commander of post 55, G. A. R. of Harrisburg and was subsequently commander of the Pennsylvania department and a member of the State's Soldiers' Orphan school commission.

A notice has been posted in the shops of the Pennsylvania railroad company at Altoona and elsewhere notifying the employes that their time would be cut from ten hours per day to nine hours per day with five hours work on Saturday, and no overtime would be allowed. Approximately 15,000 men will be affected by the new order. It is understood to apply only to repair work, and those men working on new work will continue ten hours per day. There is nothing new in the cutting of the time at this period of the year, and the shorter the hours will mean a saving of thousands of dollars to the company daily.

Some big log skidding contests are going on in Clearfield county this fall, and if the teams of horses hold out the present record may be broken before spring. James LaRock, who is working on the Bullock & Bell job, several miles above Clearfield, claims the record for log hauling and skidding. In five days recently LaRock skidded 700 logs with one team of horses, which averaged 7 logs to the thousand feet. In order to do this feat he skidded on an average 140 logs each day for five consecutive days. Woodsmen say that this is big work, and is not likely to be beaten this winter.

A few days ago the Herald mentioned that a Tyrone lady found two pearls worth \$150 each, in a quantity of oysters purchased at the store of F. G. Albright. The Lock Haven Express notes a letter find as follows: "The new oyster bay, 119 Bellefonte avenue, bids fair to become a rendezvous for pearl-seekers. Within the past week two pearls of rare size and beauty were found by two young men while eating oysters. So brilliant and perfect was one of the pearls that the young man was immediately offered \$15 for it but he refused the offer, evidently knowing the value of his lucky find."