

SHORT TALKS

Brief Comment On Political and Other Matters of Public Interest. (ANDREW J. PALM.)

Our dress parade naval officers are redely disappointed because our representation at the crowning of his royal highness King Edward is to be limited to a single vessel. It was thought that this spectacular display of royalty would give our naval officers an opportunity to make a great show of our ability to kill those who may incur our displeasure; but now to be cut down to a single vessel is too mean for anything. The English are having so much expense in connection with the stubborn Boers that they perhaps didn't feel like feeding so many naval officers, who strut about in purple and fine linen, and fare sumptuously every day. Teddy should at once wire Eddy that we shall gladly furnish the grub, if he will but consent to have our entire fleet attend the crowning of the king. We seem to be stuck on kings lately, and all kingly undertakings. The sight of two men displaying dirk knives, slung shots and revolvers as a token of their Christian feelings toward each other would be so ridiculous as to lead to the conclusion at once that they must be drunk. The spectacle of two great nations sending huge black monsters of death and destruction on state occasions as a token of good will and friendship is even more ridiculous than that of the drunken men. True Christians have no use for armies and navies, no need of swords, guns and implements that suggest only the savage in man, no thought of preparing themselves so as to be able to slaughter their fellow men to settle a disagreement. But then who has been so thoughtless as to say that we are true Christians?

The number of men in congress who are reported as opposed to certain vicious bills, but still vote for them is altogether too large. The man who is conscientiously opposed to a bill and yet turns in and gives it his vote because he has less courage than judgment, and is afraid of the party whip isn't fit to do business for the public and ought to be retired at the earliest opportunity. Senators Allison and Spooner are conspicuous examples by their action on the ship subsidy bill. Being intelligent and conscientious men they could not avoid having strong scruples against any such public steal. Both said in effect that it is an iniquitous measure and yet both voted for it. This affords another argument for electing senators by direct vote. It is doubtful whether either Allison or Spooner would dare go before the people of his state and ask to be elected after supporting subsidy grabs and other questionable measures. It is the fear of facing the direct vote of their constituents that will defeat the ship subsidy steal in the house if it is defeated at all.

The ship subsidy steal is hanging fire in the house until the members find out, if they can, whether the measure is likely to lose votes for the party if it becomes a law. The people have been stupid enough to submit to all sorts of steals under the name of protection, and they are now likely to be submitted to another under the name of subsidy or the more genteel and less suggestive title of ship differentials. The scheme is unpopular with the common people, who will have the bills to pay, no matter under what name the steal is perpetrated, but it is a favorite with the millionaires who want it passed to recoup themselves for the corruption fund they put up the last two presidential campaigns. There is about as much real difference between ship subsidies and ship differentials and stealing as there is between larceny and burglary.

WHAT THEY SAY

Extracts From Various Sources Indicating Democratic Opinion Concerning Questions of the Day.

The municipal election in Philadelphia sounded like the rattle of sand upon the coffin of municipal reform in that big town. The Ashbridge-Quay machine had a sweeping triumph. The trouble in Philadelphia evidently is that the racewalks are respectable and use grammatical English.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The Oxnard beet sugar trust is trying to do the biggest business on the smallest capital that ever was attempted by any other trust in the country. With an annual product worth \$4,500,000 and no more the trust is trying to control the entire sugar market of \$90,000,000 a year. The tail is trying to wag the dog.—Chicago Chronicle.

President Roosevelt's bloated backbone seems to have deserted him and he has yielded to the demand of the pension attorneys and leaders of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has disgraced his administration by permitting these pension sharks to drive Hon. H. Clay Evans out of office. Evans stood for decency and economy in the pension office, and while he denied no man a pension that could claim it rightfully or legally, he did deny pensions to those not entitled to them, and in this way incurred the displeasure of the pension sharks. They have succeeded in making things so unpleasant that he has resigned. No matter what honors may be conferred on Mr. Evans by President Roosevelt he cannot escape the shame and humiliation of yielding to a greedy gang of pension looters.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal (Dem.).

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England has her South Africa, America her Philippines. This fellow-feeling makes us "wondrous kind." The positions are very similar and upon this common ground the king of England and the Goddess of Liberty are flirting, over dust that is as sacred as freedom itself.—Lincoln (Ill.) Times.

More and more are we drifting into the sea of imperialism whether we would or not. No man is there to put on a brake. We could not take pains to conceal our liking for the pomp and pageantry of royalty. We confer titles of nobility even on a Sulu profligate and we buy people like hogs.—Newton (Ia) Herald.

The subject has been threshed over again and again in congress, and one cannot be surprised at the present languor of the opposition. Still it is not excusable, as long as this raid upon the public treasury for the enrichment of a single steamship line, owned by some of the wealthiest men in the country, is on foot.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

If the ship subsidy grab wins out in congress the good Mr. Rockefeller, who will be one of the chief beneficiaries of this raid on the public treasury, will be able to endow several more colleges and churches. The steel trust will also be benefited, and the benighted Mr. Carnegie, who makes a dissipation of philanthropy, will devote himself to the creation of libraries with an accelerated passion.—Kansas City Star.

The only duty imposed by the tariff upon a necessary of life is the duty on sugar, which on Cuban raw sugar is about 94 per cent. It nearly doubles the price of sugar to the consumer. The 52 Republicans in the house who stand for this enormous addition to the cost of sugar and declare that it shall not be reduced for Cuba, come under the head of Senator Platt's worst enemies of protection.—Indianapolis Journal.

Men who oppose the administration's policy in the Philippines, men who insist upon independence for the Filipinos, have every argument on their side. If, in the matter of sentiment, they fail to touch the heart and conscience of the American people, they are no less strong on the practical point; and every consideration, whether it appeals to the heart or the pocket of the American citizen, is in favor of "independence" for the Filipinos.—Omaha World-Herald (Ind.).

It must be discouraging to a faithful and courageous public official like Pension Commissioner Evans to find himself sacrificed to the "exigencies" of an antagonism numerically unimportant but of serious political consideration. But to Commissioner Evans it must be a cause for gratification and to American opinion it is a credit that the sentiment of the newspaper press and of the people of the country, whatever the partisanship of the one or the other, cordially disapproves that sacrifice and expresses a frank condemnation of the proceeding.—New York Press (Rep.).

"We are in the Philippines because we want the islands for ourselves, not because their people want us there," says the imperialist Boston Transcript. "Because we want the islands for ourselves." Precisely. We grabbed them for that reason, and all the talk about manifest destiny and duty was the merest "rot." But the imperialists don't want the islands now nearly as much as they thought they did.—Portland (Me.) Eastern Argus (Dem.).

No matter what action Democratic senators take, the entire blame for defeat of Cuban reciprocity, should it come, would rest upon the Republican majority, who are justly responsible for all legislation. Bad faith with Cuba, to whom we owe peculiar obligations and whose claim for tariff concessions is supported by strong moral, sentimental and political considerations, cannot and will not be tolerated by the honest Republican masses.—Brooklyn Standard-Union (Rep.).

The fact that Mr. Terrence Powderly will be retired from the important office of commissioner of immigration by President Roosevelt, and that Mr. Frank Sargent will be appointed to succeed him, appears to be received with much satisfaction by the labor element. Powderly, notwithstanding his prominence in labor organizations some years ago, by his influential position in the Knights of Labor, of late has been regarded as the enemy rather than the friend of organized labor. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but for consideration in the way of office he became an active worker for the Republican party. His administration of the immigration bureau has been much criticised, and some of his recommendations have had a good deal of the spirit of old-time nativism. Mr. Sargent, on the other hand, is an accepted representative of the labor organizations and stands high in their ranks. His selection to take Powderly's place indicates pretty clearly that the president has his eyes fixed on the labor vote, and is casting anchors to the windward. Mr. Sargent is of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and was a Republican stump, we believe, in the canvass of 1900. One of the best ways to office in this country is for the professional labor agitator or reformer to become prominent in political or partisan work.—Pittsburg Post.

MAY COURT NEWS.

A Good Attendance Marked the Opening Session of our Legal Tribunal.

Large List of Criminal Cases.

The regular May term of Court opened at ten o'clock Monday morning, with Hon. R. R. Little presiding. Estate of J. B. McHenry. Petition for partition. Opinion of Court filed. Petition of Edward Schenk to show cause why he should not bottle, &c. Opinion filed.

Estate of Rebecca Smith. Exceptions to report of auditor. Opinion filed. Account as modified confirmed absolute, and H. A. McKillip, Esq., appointed escheator.

Peter Y. Sanders vs. Herman Young. Petition to open judgment. Order and opinion of Court filed.

In the matter of the road in Bloom and Scott township. Report of reviewers referred back to viewers to report at next session.

Constables' returns made in open Court.

Constable Hawk, of Main township reports road from Manville to Shumantown in bad condition.

Constable Crawford, of Mt. Pleasant township, reports a bridge leading to Poor House farm in bad condition. Court directs the District Attorney to draw up an indictment against the County Commissioners to determine what is to be done.

Court directs the list of constables elected to be called.

No election of constables in the township and Borough of Orange, and a petition for the appointment of the old constables filed.

Constable Crawford, of Mt. Pleasant, asks to be allowed to resign. Granted.

All newly elected or appointed constables called before the Court and duly sworn and bonds renewed.

Report of auditor in matter of Sheriff's sale in estate of Samuel Knorr. Confirmed nisi.

Petition for appointment of viewers for a road in Conyngham township. Estate of Henry Creasy. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

Petition of George W. Miller and Ellis Miller for the appointment of guardian. The father, Hiram Miller, appointed.

Petition of Agnes Billman and Verna Billman, for the appointment of guardian. Daniel Roach, appointed.

Estate of Robert Miller. Petition to amend return of sale granted.

In the matter of the Incorporation of the Borough of West Berwick, G. M. Tustin, Esq., asked that a time be fixed to have the hearing. Court fixed May 10th at the calling of Court.

In the case of Lillian Hilday vs. Harry H. Little, G. M. Tustin asks that the proceedings be quashed. The Court granted a rule to show cause.

Report of viewers in favor of a county bridge over Roaring Creek, near Parr's Mill. Confirmed nisi.

Petition of C. C. Yetter, guardian of Howard, Harold and Bessie Yetter, to pay out of moneys in his hands for their support. Petition granted. Grand Jury called and sworn.

Petition of citizens of Orangeville Borough for the appointment of D. T. Keller as constable filed.

Petition of citizens of Orange Township for the appointment of Harry C. Keller as constable filed.

Report of viewers in favor of a bridge over Raven Creek near William Ash's. Confirmed nisi.

Grier Girtan appointed foreman of the Grand Jury.

Estate of George Beagle. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Anthony Litiomi sworn as interpreter.

C. E. Whitenight appointed constable to Grand Jury.

In the matter of Nellie M. Vastine vs. G. S. Vastine. In divorce. E. B. Guie appointed master.

Estate of George Hiram. Petition to require Philip B. Hiram to give security. Rule granted.

D. J. Waller, Jr., et al. vs. Magee Carpet Works. Report of auditor confirmed nisi.

Estate of Emma H. Neal. Petition to remove trustee. Citation awarded.

Report of viewers for a bridge over Spring Run in Fishingcreek township. Confirmed nisi.

Petition of the appointment of viewers for a county bridge in Hemlock township filed.

George Weller appointed guardian of Abram, Marie, Hannah, George and William Bassington, minor children of Isaac Bassington.

Petition of George Weller, guardian to sell real estate.

John G. Jayne sworn and admitted as a member of the Columbia County Bar.

Estate of William Neal. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

John Bellig, Sr., Samuel Neyhard and George Kreigh appointed viewers for a road in Conyngham township, near private road of Frank Bush.

Widows' appraisements confirmed nisi.

Register's accounts confirmed nisi. Estate of Philip Seesholtz. Report of auditor confirmed nisi. Also a supplementary report. Confirmed nisi.

Estate of Mary E. Brobst. Return of writ of inquisition confirmed nisi.

Estate of Alex. McCarty. Petition of William Krickbaum for rule to show cause why re-hearing should not be had to the findings of auditor.

Exception to report of viewers for a road in Greenwood township, and appointment of re-viewers filed. Exceptions sustained.

Dr. J. E. Shuman appointed guardian of Miles S. Fruit, minor child of Robert Fruit.

Petition for Charter for McIntyre Methodist Episcopal Church of Columbia County filed. Remonstrance filed. N. U. Funk appointed auditor to take testimony, recommend decree, etc.

Emanuel Crawford appointed Constable of Mt. Pleasant township.

J. L. Stine, W. B. Snyder and Warren Eyer appointed viewers to view a proposed road in Roaringcreek township near Philip Biss.

Estate of Samuel Hutchings. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers in favor of a public road in Cleveland township near E. B. Thomas. Confirmed nisi.

C. J. Widger vs. Emma Hoffman Widger. Libel in divorce. Subpoena awarded.

H. S. Christian vs. P. K. Patterson et al. Petition of D. S. Patterson to open judgment, etc. Judgment stricken off as to D. S. Patterson.

James C. Brown, D. F. Knittle and E. D. Tewksbury appointed viewers for a county bridge on county line, near Bear Gap.

B. G. Wagner vs. Andrew Zero. Petition for rule to show cause why appeal should not be stricken off. Rule granted.

Commonwealth vs. DeWalt, f. and b. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. John Cameron, f. and b. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. W. F. Stine, f. and b. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. John Leddecote. Charge f. and b. Nolle pros. on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Benjamin Lanyon. Charge f. and b. Nolle pros. on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. John G. Reishel. Charge f. and b. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. Albert Holter. Charge f. and b. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. James Barrett. Charge f. and b. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. Robert McBride. Charge assault and battery. Nolle pros. on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. David Heller. Charge assault and battery. Nolle pros. on payment of costs.

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Masonic Conclave at Scranton.

The annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Knight Templars of Pennsylvania, will be held in Scranton on Tuesday May 26. It will continue in session until Thursday. A matter that will add interest to the forthcoming conclave is the proposition to change the date of the annual conclaves in future years from the fourth Tuesday in May to the Second Tuesday in June, submitted at the last conclave in Reading for decision this year. Another important matter the commandery will be called upon to decide is a proposed constitutional amendment providing for the election of three trustees to invest such funds as may be placed at their disposal by the commandery. The parade will take place on Wednesday of conclave week. Crusade Commandery of Bloomsburg, will be represented at the conclave.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office May 20, 1902. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised May 8, 1902":

Miss Mary M. Baker, Miss Alice Carew, Mr. E. E. Hagerty, Mr. Abner Lawshe, Miss Frances M. Stetler, Miss Sadie Swisher.—Cards: Mr. N. W. Brandt, Ed. Lamont, J. Shupack. One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

J. C. Brown, P. M.

Married.

Charles Morden, of Mordansville, and Rebecca Black, of Orangeville, were united in marriage at Espy, April 9, 1902, at 5 p. m., by Rev. W. H. Hartman.

At the M. E. parsonage in Espy, April 30, 1902, Norman Crawford, of Willow Springs, and Augusta White-night, of Lime Ridge, were united in marriage by Rev. W. H. Hartman.

Fires Sweep Trout Resorts.

Forest fires, supposed to have been started by careless fishermen, have been raging in the Seven Mountain districts, near Coopers Gap and on the Jacks and Stone Mountains, in Union county, large tracts of valuable timber have been destroyed. It is thought the fires will spoil the trout fishing this season.



Just within her grasp is safety—but she does not see it; she is looking the wrong way. There's many a woman struggling in a sea of disease who is doing the same thing—looking the wrong way—snatching at medicinal straws when the life buoy, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, is within her reach. Many a woman has testified: "I know I should not be alive to-day but for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription." This famous medicine establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness.

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Lycoming County Farmer Cleverly Fleeced of His Money.

To a Williamsport constable, whom he has interested in the case, a farmer who does business on the curbstone market unfolded a story of cheat and swindle in which as a result of his own duplicity he was led to the belief that gold could be made from maple sugar and incidentally fleeced of \$50.

Two men, whispering aside that their fortunes were made, inspected his sugar and bought it all for \$2.60. His curiosity was aroused and he inquired about the fortune end of it. The men took him to a hotel, placed a cake of sugar in an oil stove oven, took it out and dipped it into a liquid, then handed it to the innocent man from the rural districts reduced in size and increased in weight. He cut into it and found gold.

The next step was to form a stock company with the wonderful alchemists, he to furnish the sugar during the season. As an evidence of good faith he must put up \$50, and now he wants the cash in preference to the gold brick.

Knights of the Golden Eagle-Special Train and Reduced Rates to Shamokin May 13th, via Reading Railway.

For "Parade Day" account meeting Knights of the Golden Eagle Grand Castle at Shamokin the Philadelphia & Reading Railway will sell special excursion tickets to Shamokin, from Williamsport, Milton, Danville, Catawissa, Bloomsburg, Lewisburg, Tannaqua and intermediate ticket stations, at rate of single fare for the round trip, with a minimum of 25 cents.

These tickets will be good going on all trains May 13th and returning on all trains until May 14th inclusive. Special train will leave Bloomsburg at 7.10 a. m. May 13th and returning will leave Shamokin same date at 11:00 p. m. from Bloomsburg and Catawissa stopping at intermediate ticket stations. Excursion fare from Bloomsburg \$1.29.

Prohibition State Convention.

Reduced Rates to New Castle via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On account of the State Convention of the Prohibition party, to be held at New Castle, Pa., May 21 and 22, 1902, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to New Castle from all stations on its lines in Pennsylvania at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold May 19 to 21, and will be good to return until May 23, inclusive.

Used Big Words.

A Bloomsburg woman, who liked to use big words, whether she knew their exact shades of meaning or not, had defined to her the word ferment. She was told that it meant "to work." One day she had some callers and she said to them as she came in from out of doors, "I am very tired to day. I have been 'fermenting' in the yard all day."—Milton Standard.

A Susquehanna county representative at Harrisburg last spring received a letter from a constituent as follows: "Please send me some of the volumes-containing memorial addresses for the dead members of the legislature. There is nothing I read with so much pleasure as obituaries of members of the legisla-

Origin of the Wedding-ring.

The Ancients Believed a Special Nerve Ran from the Ring-Finger to the Heart.

The wedding-ring is the subject of quaint historical facts and endless superstitions. It was probably chosen as the symbol of marriage more for convenience than anything else. It is supposed to be a symbol of unbroken love and of power, and to carry special curative virtues with it. The old good-luck saying about it, "As your wedding-ring wears, your cares will wear away." The ancients, Pliny among the rest, believed that a delicate nerve ran directly from the "ring finger" to the heart, and that the ring placed on that finger was very closely connected with the heart. In early Christian marriages the bridegroom put the ring first on the bride's thumb, then on the first finger, then on the second, and, last of all, on the third, saying as he did: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The thumb and first two fingers represented the Trinity, the next finger was the one the ring was left on, to show that, next to God, a woman's duty was to her husband.—May Ladies' Home Journal.

A Short Review of the May Ladies' Home Journal.

From its charming cover by Albert Herter to its last page the May issue of the Ladies' Home Journal excels in all ways. The most important new feature is the beginning of Ernest Thompson Seton's department for boys, which is written and illustrated by the famous naturalist-author-artist, Lindsay Denison, who knows President Roosevelt in a very personal way, writes of "The Outdoor President," and Helen Keller continues the marvelous story of her life. The fiction features are Miss Porter's "Those Days in Old Virginia," and the first part of a delightful story by Grace S. Richmond called "The Indifference of Juliet." Neltje Blanchan tells "How the Birds Build Their Nests," and Will Bradley shows the boudoir of "The Bradley House." Mr. Bok's editorial is a fine bit of sarcasm aimed at the wise New Yorkers, and Mr. Mabie in his literary talk deals with the reading habit and several new books and writers of note. There's no end of good and helpful advice and interesting facts in the various departments, and the illustrations are conspicuously attractive. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. Ten cents a copy; one dollar a year.

To Whip Cream Successfully.

The cream must be sufficiently thick to hold the air, and must be very cold, and kept cold during the whipping. A small churn made from tin will whip one quart of cream in two minutes. Without a regular whip put the cream into a bowl and with an egg-beater or "syllabus" churn beat for a few moments, then skim off the whipped portion from the surface and drain in a colander, and so continue until all the cream has been whipped.—May Ladies' Home Journal.

The Real Mary Who Had the Lamb.

The author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was John Rouleston, a young man who was a visitor at the school near Worcester, Massachusetts, when the incident occurred. The heroine of the poem was Mary E. Sawyer, who afterward became Mrs. Columbus Tyler. She died in December, 1839.—May Ladies' Home Journal.

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