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EDITORIAL.

President Roosevelt is likely to get a set back from the sugar trust.

THE British find the Boers as hard a nut to crack as were the thirteen colonies during the revolutionary war.

Some small fry is being mentioned for Governor on the Democratic state ticket this year. It is our duty to nominate the very ablest and best.

SENATOR BILL FLINN has forwarded to Lieutenant Governor Gobin his resignation as Senator from the 44th district and has retired from the Pittsburg and Allegheny county Republican Committee.

It looks as though congress would appropriate many million dollars to the ship builders as a subsidy. This is more flagrant stealing than under the guise of a protective tariff. Hanna is leading this raid. Roosevelt should turn it down.

THERE is some chatter about Arnold running for congress in this district again. We do not think the people want any more Arnold. Ex-congressman Arnold is about as popular as was the Arnold of the days of the revolution. The gentleman deserving some recognition in that line, on the republican side, would be Clement Dale, Esq., of this county.

THE executive committee of the state grange was in session in Harrisburg last week, and gave out a statement in which they call the attention of the governor and the secretary of agriculture to the neglect to use \$5,000 of the \$35,000 appropriation for the proper representation of the state at the Charleston exposition in exhibiting the agricultural resources of the commonwealth. The grangers are after you, John Hamilton.

THE exhibit of gross and net earnings of the railroads of the United States caps the climax of all exhibits of our prosperity and business progress. The gross earnings of the year 1901 are set down at 1,522 millions of dollars, with net earnings of 528 millions and a net increase over 1900 of nearly 65 millions. Five years ago, in 1897, the gross earnings were 1,050 millions, the net 341 millions and the net increase 35 millions.

THE republicans in congress have a split on the matter of doing justice to Porto Rico and Cuba as regards the tariff. The trusts are contending for a tariff that will ruin some interests in the islands named, in order to further enrich the sugar trust, which is bent on fleecing not only those islands but further enriching themselves at the expense of consumers in the United States. Roosevelt and his friends in congress desire to have such a reduction in the tariff as will prevent the utter ruin of the sugar producers in Cuba and Porto Rico. In this laudable desire the democrats stand with Roosevelt and his following in congress, to do justice to the unfortunate people of those islands, and are opposed by the grasping trusts. The democrats are united on the policy of fairness, while the republicans are divided, the one faction being under the control of the trusts. Which of these two republican factions is to come out victorious is hard to tell, the trusts seeming to have control of a strong element among the republicans.

SENATOR HOAR, in a recent speech in the senate, referred to the fact that an order had been issued by the Philippine commission prohibiting the reading of the Declaration of Independence in the Philippine islands. The senator further pointed out that by the law promulgated by that commission it was a penitentiary offense to read the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration is said to be barred from the Philippines on the ground that it is an incendiary document. Is this not a curious charge to make against that document? It sets forth certain self-evident truths, and discusses the inalienable rights of man. Are we a nation in a position to punish people for believing in that Declaration or in reading it aloud to another? Imperialism has certainly brought us into a strange situation, and one is forcibly reminded of the time when a christian monarch felt it necessary to suppress a publication which contained extracts from the Bible condemning monarchy. If we are going to have imperialism we will find it embarrassing to preach free government here while we practice imperialism elsewhere.

Special Notice.

Those of our patrons who received notices recently from us are hereby specially reminded that April 1st will soon be here and by that time we expect to hear from all who have not already responded. Please attend to this matter now.

A FROST FOR PATRIOTS.

The reception of the Boer delegates, representing the South African republics, by the secretary of state and President Roosevelt was a very chilly affair to the Boers, although it will be received with enthusiasm in Great Britain, and by British sympathizers in this country. No one looked for the avowal of any purpose of intervention by this Government in the South African war, or even the diplomatic suggestion that the war should give way to more humane and Christian methods of adjustment, which would have been amply justified by the action of The Hague peace conference. But we believe a vast majority of the people of the United States would have welcomed from the President and secretary of state some kindly words of sympathy and good wishes for a grand and noble people who are battling in the front ranks of those who have faith in republican institutions, and are establishing an example and precedent for all time for the lovers of liberty throughout the world. But it was not to be. The Philippine blunder and crime closed the official lips, for what Britain has been doing in South Africa, Americans are doing under the orders of our Government in the Philippines.

When the Boer delegates called the attention of the secretary of state to New Orleans being used as a supply station for munitions of war for the conquest and subjugation of the South African republics, modeled after our own Republic, they were treated to a discourse on the legal technicalities and tricks from our pro-British secretary, but the blow "most keenly felt," the Associated Press dispatch says, "was when the Boers called at the White House on the President" and he chatted with them in Dutch on trivialities, and when the humanizing and noble purpose of their mission was broached he stopped the interview and told them to see Secretary Hay. It was not thus that Franklin was received in Paris in the crisis of the American revolution by Louis XVI. and Vergennes. And when Greece was struggling against Turkey years ago their appeals were answered by the sympathetic eloquence of Clay and Webster, heard round the world, and the good wishes of the Monroe administration.

Americans may well hang their heads in shame at this cold and heartless reception of these ambassadors of liberty and human rights. They may find some consolation in the fact that at the same time this was going on in Washington Ambassador Choate was lauding the British in London, in public speech, and declaring that "both (Great Britain and America), equals in energy, resources and ambition, were working out on absolutely independent lines the same great ends of civilization, knowledge and liberty!" Yes, in South Africa and the Philippines.—Post.

ELEVATORS GOING DOWN.

The two steel elevators that had been placed at Reynolds's Phoenix mills, some two years ago, having been sold to a party in the eastern counties, are being taken down. The elevators are as good as new yet. We are informed 44,000 rivets and bolts were used on the steel sheets that constitute these great cylinders. The work of dismantling began three weeks ago, and on Saturday evening last three and one half circles had been removed. Each of the two elevators contains eight circles of large steel plates. As the rivets are being cut by hand with a cold chisel, one can imagine what an amount of hammer strokes will be required to complete the job. Say it will require five strokes to cut each rivet, would mean 220,000 blows with the hammer by hand. There are eight circles from top to bottom of each elevator, the width of a circle being five feet. The expense of taking down the elevators will not be under \$300. As the Phoenix Mills building has been converted into a match factory these elevators were not needed. The diameter of each elevator is 30 feet.

Sportsman's League Officers.

The annual meeting of the Sportsman's League of Centre county for the election of officers for the ensuing year was held in the Arbitration room at the Court House on Monday evening. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. D. Geisinger; vice president, Kline Woodring; secretary, John J. Bower; financial secretary, L. H. Gettig; treasurer, John A. McGinley; directors, B. D. Tate, R. S. Brouse, C. M. Heisler, auditor, R. S. Brouse.

50 Anniversary.

J. H. Lipton and Lucy Davidson Lipton celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, or golden wedding, the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1902, at their home, the Lipton hotel, in Downs, Kansas. There were about 175 invited guests present, many being from neighboring towns and cities. A royal banquet was served at the hotel. Mr. Lipton is a native of Milesburg, and was one of Centre county's most popular prothonotaries, many years ago.

Wm. Lowry has announced his name as a candidate for Sheriff on the republican ticket.

Former Governor John P. Algeld of Chicago, died Wednesday morning of cerebral hemorrhages.

SHORT TALKS

Brief Comment on Political and Other Matters of Public Interest.

Ex-Postmaster Hicks, of Philadelphia, declares that Ashbridge said to him at the beginning of his term of office that he proposed to get all there was in it for Samuel H. Ashbridge. Ashbridge denies that he ever said anything of the kind, and the people of Philadelphia have been by the ears for a week or two as to which tells the truth. It doesn't seem to make very much difference whether Ashbridge gave notice in advance of his intentions. He has made his word good, whether he ever gave it or not. He ought not kick about anybody's saying that he once told the truth.

The Army and Navy Register hauls Roosevelt over the coals for his shabby treatment of General Miles, and declares that it is not possible to justify it or excuse it even on the ground that Teddy has fallen into the habit of losing his temper. We predict that Roosevelt will go out of office one of the most unpopular presidents the country has had. When a man would rather be called colonel than vice president it shows an exceedingly vain streak in his make-up. His intense egotism and his I-am-the-whole-thing style of dealing with men and measures is not likely to last him through his term. Of course, there are toadies who are willing to applaud any act of the president, no matter what it may be, but the sober second thought of the people will not long tolerate a man whose conceit is his strongest characteristic.

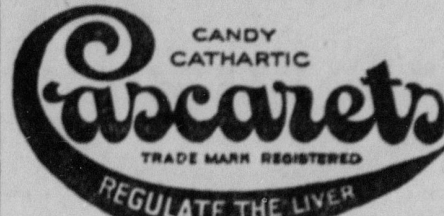
General Wheaton declares that 50,000 soldiers will be needed in the Philippines for at least five years yet. As each soldier costs a thousand dollars a year, and the officers who have charge of the butchering a great deal more, the cost of the Philippines will be \$350,000,000 in addition to what they have already cost, and to the pension roll that will, in the light of past experience, be with us for at least 75 years. There is no doubt that General Wheaton is right. The Filipinos are at home in the tropical sun and are fighting for liberty and country. Our soldiers suffer all sorts of afflictions from the climate; those of them who have sense enough to go in when it rains must feel ashamed that they are conducting a murderous crusade against a people who are as much entitled to their freedom as we are. It is safe to predict that twice \$350,000,000 will not subdue the Filipinos sufficiently to withdraw our soldiers and leave them to the tender mercies of the greedy politicians and capitalists.

The Boers gave the British an awful surprise—it has staggered them. The war is not near over.

An effort is being made to have a rail road constructed from Huntingdon to McAlevy's Fort. Under the railroad law of Pennsylvania it is necessary to have \$30,000 subscribed and 10 per cent. paid in before a charter can be obtained. Several eastern parties have been over the proposed line and have offered to take hold of the project if the citizens will secure the charter and the rights of way. The line has been surveyed and map and profile have been made by competent engineers.

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