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Edward A. Van Valkenburgh, in a Pittsburg interview, asserts emphatically that John Wanamaker is a patriot.

Bicycle Abuses.

With the advent of spring comes once more to public attention the question of regulating the use of bicycles upon the public thoroughfares.

Another nuisance is the scorching. His objectionable characteristics have been so often pointed out that there is no need of re-enumerating them.

After the affair with Spain has been satisfactorily arranged it might be a good idea for the government to turn its batteries upon the Southern lynchings.

John's Objective Point. The Philadelphia Ledger is frank enough to disclose the real animus of the present Wanamaker movement.

Senator Quay's opponents are confident of defeating him for re-election, no matter what the outcome of the gubernatorial contest should be.

In other words, Mr. Wanamaker's gubernatorial candidacy is set up specifically for the purpose of paying the way to a bolt.

We had heard from sources friendly to Senator Quay the intimation that such was Mr. Wanamaker's programme but we had not expected that that programme would be revealed by his supporters in detail so soon.

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There are others throughout the state, not necessarily partial to Quay, who think like them.

The president doubtless is not disappointed at the cool reception given by the public to the published suggestion that he endeavor to adjust the Cuban problem so that while Cubans shall be free in fact Spain may yet retain a nominal sovereignty.

The Question of Indemnity. It is reported that Attorney Cox, who attended the Martin trial in Philadelphia, has expressed to his client the belief that the Austrian government has substantial ground for demanding an indemnity for those of its subjects who were killed in the Lattimer instruction.

The comparison of the Lattimer incident with the episode of the Italian mobbed several years ago at New Orleans is exceedingly inapt.

But in the Lattimer affair the Austrian subjects who fell in front of American rights fell because they were in revolt against American law.

A correspondent asks us if the articles in the Scrantonian signed "Mac" are written by John G. McArdle, esq. We do not know.

False Alarm. Having been taken to task by the New York Evening Post, among other papers, for its recent raising of the Cuban issue in connection with the Chicago Herald makes an extended reply, from which we now quote:

"For three years there has been a growing demand—more urgent with every passing month—for American intervention in Cuba. This has not come from any one party or section of the country. The platforms and speakers of all parties have emphasized and reiterated the demand for the restoration of peace and for the independence of Cuba.

The duty to intervene in Cuba existed before the Maine was blown up in the harbor of Havana. That shocked the American people into a popular demand for immediate intervention.

It is possible to share in our Chicago contemporary's sympathies without experiencing its apprehensions. We believe that at this time the American people, without regard to party, have full confidence in President McKinley's patriotism and are willing, regardless of domestic politics, to give him a free hand.

According to the prognosticators Spain's navy in case of war will not take New York, as was first predicted, but will turn pirates and destroy American commerce.

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Certain soft-shelled politicians who evidently would like to be the "original Lee men," are trying to make the consul-general ridiculous by booming him as a presidential candidate.

It has been announced that a number of persons concerning whom the New York Voice, in its series of attacks upon American colleges, has made assertions alleged to be libelous intend to seek redress in the courts, and it is to be hoped that the news is true.

LESSONS FROM LATTIMER. The verdict of the Luzerne jury in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies, acquitting them for having fired upon the mob of strikers at Lattimer, teaches several things which were greatly needed to be emphasized by the judgment of the jury.

The New York Life Insurance company announces that holders of its policies who may hereafter enlist in a war with Spain will be charged no extra premiums, and if they are killed in service the policies will be paid in full.

Miss Ina Hellpopper, of Oklahoma, has asked the courts for permission to change her name. Natural timidity of man made the young lady despair of ever having such a name changed through the medium of the marriage license clerk.

Judge Woodward make take consolation in the reflection that the abuse of knaves is honesty's highest compliment.

Were it not for the suspicion that Winter is still lingering in her lap, Spring would be more than welcome.

Spain shows a disposition to render a verdict of not guilty in the Maine case without leaving the jury box.

The effects of that \$50,000,000 peace fund are awaited with widespread interest.

The Need of State Police Emphasized

SHERIFF MARTIN was able to disperse a riotous mob and restore order in Luzerne county because he had the backing of an exceptionally courageous and loyal posse committee. It must be admitted that average citizens, taken at random and abruptly pressed into the service of the sheriff, cannot be relied upon for sustained effort of a difficult and dangerous character.

The small towns, the villages and the rural districts need the care of the state more largely than the cities. In the latter consultation, cooperation and combination are easy, and the people can readily look out for themselves. It is quite otherwise in the sparsely settled regions.

There was one tradition that the country was the abode of domestic peace and security; but as things now are, nowhere is crime committed with more impunity. A riotous mob may carry off a whole township. The solitary dwelling may be invaded and the occupants tortured until they give up their little possessions. The children and the old, the school, women passing through unfrequented lanes, are exposed to the violence of the tramp and the criminal, who has no places of calm disposition.

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A WHOLESOME EFFECT. From the Syracuse Post. Generally speaking, the press comment on the Hazleton verdict has been temperate, conservative and sensible.

men whose judgment is influenced more by prejudice than by reason. The trial of Sheriff Martin and sixty deputy sheriffs has established again the principle that law and order will be maintained in this country at all hazards.

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IN UNION IS STRENGTH. From the New York Sun.

From the Syracuse Post. There are very strong reasons why England should desire sort of a partnership with the United States. There is no reason on the other hand why the United States should adopt a scornful demeanor toward Great Britain's offer of friendship.

AN ANGLER'S DESIRE. For The Tribune. A brook in spring, flush, sweet and cool; A cloudy day, a crystal pool, A rod, a line, a leader fine, A dog's flees and joy is mine.

POOR CONSOLATION. Ned—I'm in love with Miss Nutable, but haven't the nerve to propose. Hal—You're in luck. Ned—In luck? Why so, pray? Hal—You'll never know how humiliated it is to be disappointed.—Chicago News.

FULL VALUE. Priscilla—Why didn't you marry her? Was her love unrequited? Oldbath—Oh, no; the jury saw to that.—New York Evening Journal.

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