

—Something dropped in Boston Tuesday.

—Many a man banks on more expectations than he ever realizes.

—The Centre county school teacher's life is not the bed of roses it appears to be on institute week.

—It would be too bad if QUAY'S illness should become so serious as to enforce his retirement from politics. That is, too bad for the QUAY people.

—If brother KURTZ of the Lewisburg Journal were not already married we would become suspicious after reading his paragraph about "the charming naiete" of CARRIE NATION.

—Defeated Judge MAX L. MITCHELL, of Lycoming county, is being advanced by the Gazette and Bulletin, of Williamsport, for an appointment to the Superior court bench, the place pre-empted by Judge LOVE.

—It may seem heartless to say so, but we know of no one who was more arbitrary in making the bed that has now become so unpleasant for her to lie in than the unhappy Queen WILHELMINA of Holland.

—The Republicans of Ohio are going to try the Ripper business. They are getting afraid of TOM JOHNSON'S growing power and they propose to legislate him into a mere figure head, as mayor of Cleveland.

—Rev. HICKS, the weather prophet, has been heard from and insists that he is not dead. Probably the public got the impression he was dead after reading his prognostications—or that he might as well be dead.

—Judge LOVE being in Philadelphia this week makes it only natural to inquire whether he is down finding out where the Times got the tip that STONE is to give him that Superior court seat as soon as he comes home from Mexico.

—While Senators TILLMAN and McLAURIN, of South Carolina, are making spectacles of themselves before the world it would serve them both right if the people of their State were to kick them both out, and save them the trouble of resigning.

—Since QUAY has carried ELKIN off South with him it doesn't look so much as if JOHN P'S chances for the gubernatorial nomination are so bad, after all, unless the foxy "old man" is going to side track the Attorney General at some lonely spot in Florida.

—The latest reports from the Philippines are to the effect that the natives of some of those islands are practicing cannibalism. It is not surprising, since their acquaintance with us. They are eating up all the money we can gather into the treasury, so why not eat the people too.

—The bad little boy who hasn't seen the inside of a Sunday school since the week before the last picnic will be seen next Sunday, with his face washed and hair slicked up, sitting on the front seat with a face as pious as visions of the Christmas treat will permit it to be.

—The number of scandalous stories that have been rolled about the tongue of gossip in Centre county within the past few weeks would indicate that morals are getting very loose or liars becoming more expert. And so far as some of them are concerned investigation has disclosed the latter evil to be the case.

—CHARLES EMORY SMITH might as well have taken up the Darwinian theory in his Boston speech the other night. He is the darndest evolver who ever came down the pike and when he says that reciprocity is the "development" of a protective tariff he has old Charley's theory of man being descended from monkey put clear out of the business of evolution.

—An association of hen-pecked husbands has been formed in a St. Louis suburb but the association has never been able to get together because none of the poor men have any pants to wear to the meetings. Hen-pecks have yet to experience the delights of wearing pants; that important franchise being the exclusive property of the greater half of their partnerships.

—Senator HOAR'S project to have an island in the sea where the anarchists of all nations are to be banished and left to live in their much desired atmosphere of no government, is a good one. But while he is at it, why not fix up a place for CARRIE NATION, MARY ELLEN LEASE and that class of discontents who are opposed to staying at home to wash dishes and mend their husband's clothes.

—What is this we hear from Washington? It can't be possible that poor old HANNA is to be told to "go way back and sit down," yet there seems to be some ragtime melody oozing out of Senator FAIRBANK'S turn-down in the appellate court appointment in the Hoosier State that sounds very much like it. FAIRBANKS is a HANNA favorite but Senator BEVERIDGE caused another man, to whom they were all opposed, to be appointed.

—Senator McLAURIN, of South Carolina, will soon be like WILLIE WADDORF ASTOR—a man without a country. Elected to represent a Democratic State he thought himself too good for the position and trained with the opposition, only to find out that they were only "using" him. Now all that he has left is his seat in the Senate, which he is being called upon to resign from every quarter of the Commonwealth he misrepresents.

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The Superior Court Vacancy.

It would be a cruel turn of fate if the Governor should, on his return from Mexico, in the course of a couple of weeks drop a commission to sit on the Superior court bench into the Christmas stocking of Judge SAMUEL H. MILLER, of Mercer county.

When the Governor wanted an absurd decision to the effect that the constitutional provision which authorizes the executive to veto any distinct item of the general appropriation bill could be construed or twisted into authority to mutilate a clause in that measure he appealed in vain until Judge LOVE came into his mind.

In view of these facts the report that Judge MILLER is to be appointed to the impending vacancy on the Superior court bench is not only annoying, but it is perplexing. MILLER has no claims on the Governor equal to those of the Judge of this county.

The Selection of a County Superintendent.

Though a new superintendent of public instruction will not be elected until next spring the contest for that office was precipitated here this week, when the gathering of the teachers and directors from all parts of the county made the opportunity most favorable.

Superintendent C. L. GRAMLEY, who has served two terms very faithfully, has decided to be a candidate for re-election and has been working for some time.

A. A. PLETCHER, the well known teacher from Nittany, has announced that he would accept the place. He has been acquainted with public school work through years of active service in the county and has a wide circle of friends who might be called to his support.

Mr. L. W. MUSSEY, who is now in charge of the Hublersburg schools, announced his candidacy for county superintendent yesterday morning. It had been rumored for some time that he would enter the race, but he did not conclude to do so until shortly before noon yesterday when he made his intention known to a few friends.

The latest name to be used in connection with the office is that of Prof. J. D. HUNTER, son of the late Hon. B. F. HUNTER, of Hunter's Park. Mr. HUNTER has been continuously working in educational fields since his graduation from The Pennsylvania State College in 1889.

As to their aspirations it remains for the future to put the seal of success or failure upon them, but they are in a fair field, and are likely to make a very earnest contest for the position. The office of county superintendent is one removed from politics and we trust that it will be regarded as such by the directors of the county.

Mr. Carnegie's New Enterprise

Out of the hundreds of millions which Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE has coined out of the sweat of other men's brows we learn, through dispatches from Washington, he proposes to give a matter of \$10,000,000 to endow a vast University for "higher education" to be conducted under the auspices of the government.

Mr. CARNEGIE doesn't reveal his purpose in thus inveigling the government into partnership with him. It would have been presumed by the average man that inasmuch as he is willing to bear all the burdens of the undertaking he would also desire to reserve to himself the right of management.

Mr. CARNEGIE has never been entirely satisfied with our form of government. He liked our system of tariffs, for it enabled him to make the millions which in turn makes his munificence possible by the labor of men in his employ.

Quay and Elkin in the South.

Senator QUAY has taken Attorney General ELKIN down to his southern retreat to talk to him about the Governorship. What he will say during the confidential conferences which will ensue may be conjectured, but will probably never be known.

That QUAY is convinced that it would be unwise to nominate ELKIN this year is well established. It is not for the reason that ELKIN was a party to the padding of the pay rolls of the Legislature in 1897, though such a violation of the law ought to have put him out of the running.

But QUAY will not defeat the nomination of ELKIN unless that gentleman consents to the sacrifice. He wants to punish STONE but not disappoint ELKIN. It is a good guess, therefore, that the trip to Florida is for the purpose of reasoning the Attorney General out of his ambition to be Governor until later on.

Fulton and Falton.

The dirty pool of Pittsburg politics is again in a state of agitation and is throwing out a noisome stench. The latest development is a quarrel between ex-Mayor ANDY FULTON and Senator FLINN. The Senator charges that during the time FULTON was Mayor he not only protected but promoted vice for a consideration.

Justice requires the statement, however, that FULTON has shown signs of repentance, while FLINN is still at his old tricks. That is to say during his recent occupancy of the office of Director of Public Safety under the administration of Recorder A. M. BROWN, FULTON withdrew the protection

of the police from the gambling devices of the city, and almost the moment that his successor, FLINN'S man, was installed, the protection was renewed.

It is a great pity that the people of Pittsburg have no means of escape from such men. But the ripper fastens on them the present atrocious municipal administration until January, 1903, unless the Governor should undertake another ripping, which is improbable.

The Ship Subsidy.

The text of the new ship subsidy bill has been made public and the promised difference between it and its predecessor is more imaginary than real. The phraseology is considerably changed and the speed and tonnage of the ships to receive the bounty are altered somewhat.

Meanwhile the evidences are multiplying that ships of the first class can be built cheaper in this country than anywhere else in the world. Only the other day the CRAMPS secured a contract to build a war ship for Turkey, after a competition in which the leading builders of Great Britain and Germany are competitors.

Every Senator and Representative in Congress who votes for such a robbery of the people is faithless to his obligations. There is no necessity for voting bounties to ship owners. They are doing a profitable business and have all they can do.

A Southern Traitor Squeals.

Senator McLAURIN, of South Carolina, made a singularly absurd spectacle of himself the other day. Rising to a question of personal privilege he complained that he had not been invited to participate in the deliberations of the Democratic caucus.

Senator McLAURIN has no more right in a Democratic caucus than Senators QUAY or LODGE, except that he was elected as a Democrat and never would have been elected at all if it had been dreamed that he would betray his constituents as he did during the last Congress.

To thus betray his constituents he was bribed as certainly as if the action had been paid for in money. By thus betraying his constituents he put himself outside of the Democratic party and the Democratic leadership were wise and right in refusing him a seat in their caucus.

SANTA CLAUS is not supposed to visit the bad little boy but WILLIE FLINN, of Pittsburg, forestalled him by getting his stockings full before he let it be known how bad he is.

Bellefonte's Tree Butchers Should Be Halted Also.

The Pennsylvania State Forestry Association very properly denounces the hideous practice of docking street trees which prevails generally in the city.

City trees have a hard time of it. Their roots are usually given too little air and water and far too much of escaped coal gas. Boys break them, horses bark them, imperfect tree boxes constrict and girdle their trunks.

The cutting back of street trees is sometimes necessary, and even when not necessary is sometimes grounded on a sensible reason. It is always to be regretted, however, and is generally an unnecessary act of folly.

Yes Why Not Give Them A Blow Out?

What is the matter with the machine? None connected with it has yet proposed a reception to Penrose's choice for U. S. Judge, Ellery P. Ingham, or to his choice for U. S. District Attorney, Harvey K. Newitt.

Bellefonters Were Derelicts, Too.

The Wayne Independent deprecates the small attendance upon the Thanksgiving services in the Honesdale churches and ventures the opinion that "the ministers who prepared such good sermons for Thursday morning must have felt grieved to have preached them to so many empty pews."

It Comes When We Don't Need It

How does this look to a peaceable American citizen who has no thought of going to war? The estimates for our navy for the next fiscal year are \$100,000,000, for the army \$161,000,000, and for the pensions \$150,000,000, a total of \$411,000,000 for military purposes.

Cooper Has One Disciple at Least.

The Mountaineer-Herald heartily endorses the suggestion of the Hon. Thomas B. Cooper that it is about time for the Republican party in this State to get together. If it doesn't do this—

A Voice From The South.

The farmer who does not plant oats this fall, would have refused a round trip ticket on the Ark, had he lived in antediluvian days.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—At a session of the Privy Council, to-day King Edward definitely fixed June 26, 1902, as the date for his coronation.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—By a vote of 8 to 3 the borough council of DuBois has passed a curfew ordinance over the veto of Burgess J. A. Vandy. It will go into effect within a few weeks.

—William Clark, of Slate Run, aged 80 years, who attempted suicide by cutting his throat and then tore out with his fingers the stitches put in by a physician, died Monday afternoon.

—The one case of smallpox cost the city of Hazleton \$1,134.52. The patient, a woman, came to that place several weeks ago from Philadelphia, and was immediately removed to an emergency hospital. She has just been discharged.

—Thomas Wab, a Chinese laundryman at DuBois was found on the floor of his room Sunday with his throat cut. He was still living when taken to the hospital. Conflicting stories are told as to the manner in which the deed was done.

—When the Rev. J. Henry Haslam Sunday announced at the First Baptist church, Williamsport, that he had declined a call to the wealthy Prospect Avenue Baptist church, of Buffalo, his congregation rose and sang, "Praise God From All Blessings Flow."

—James Morrison, the famous Clearfield hunter and trapper, has placed a sworn certificate in the hands of one of the most upright citizens of that borough, in which statement he sets forth that during his 60 years of hunting he killed 456 deer, to say nothing of the minor game.

—J. D. Ganoe, of Smith Mills, Clearfield county, is a veteran of the Civil war. Dangling from his watch chain is a bullet which entered his chin, went through his neck and was extracted from his shoulder twenty-four hours after the battle of Fredericksburg, thirty-nine years ago.

—State Entomologist Smith says that the plague of caterpillars will not be repeated next year. He has discovered that a small parasite has been killing off all cocoons in which the caterpillars wrap themselves during the winter months. The parasite is a strange looking insect resembling a fly.

—Ray Chambers, the colored man who shot and killed another colored man at Karthaus last June, was arraigned before the court at Clearfield on Tuesday morning and pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree. The shooting occurred in a dispute over a game of cards. The man threatened to kill Ray and Ray got the revolver and shot and killed him.

—Miss Olive, only daughter of George S. Davis, a wealthy resident of Selingsgrove, died on Thursday after a long interval of intense suffering. Two weeks ago she had an eye tooth extracted and the wound subsequently developed blood poisoning, which so affected her eyes that, had she survived, total blindness would have been her fate during the rest of her life.

—Saturday afternoon a ten-year-old lad named LaFerty, while skating on the Juniata river opposite Reeser's slaughter house at Hollidaysburg, broke through the ice. Upon hearing LaFerty's screams for help John Young ran from the slaughter house and plunging into the icy water brought the half frozen boy safely to shore. Young was deservedly complimented for his heroism by the bystanders, who had been attracted to the scene by the frantic cries of the companions of the imperiled boy.

—The coroner's jury in the Burk holocaust case reached a verdict on Saturday evening, after hearing Burk relate his story of the affair a second time. The verdict as to the death of mother and children reads: "Death was caused by the accidental burning of their home in Logan township, Blair county, on December 1st, 1901, about 1:30 a. m. From the evidence, the fire originated by a dog overturning a lighted lamp on the table in the kitchen, thence communicating to the stairway and coal stove upstairs, thereby closing up the way of escape."

—Two sons of Christian Bridge, of Wheatfield township, Perry county, aged about 9 and 11 years, Tuesday of last week pumped water on a quantity of fresh lime in a small barrel. While watching the result of their experiment the super-heated lime burst the barrel, blowing it to kindling wood, knocking both boys flat and scattering lime over the entire side of the house and vicinity generally. Both boys were badly cut and bruised about the face, and one of them will probably lose an eye. It is said the explosion caused a report as if a good-sized cannon had been discharged.

—A curious affair occurred at Freeland, near Hazelton, Thursday of last week. A carload of Hungarian immigrants arrived simultaneously with "The Girl From Vermont" theatrical company. When the brass band struck up a two-step, the foreigners thought it was a welcoming serenade, and as the musicians started down the street the newcomers to American shores fell in behind them. The motley parade proceeded through the main street of the town to the principal hotel before the deluded Hungarian men and women discovered their mistake.

—A story of a man's alleged dual life became public at Williamsport Saturday when J. Vincent Johnson, of Jamestown, N. Y., was arrested in that city charged with wife desertion. Johnson, who is 50 years old, came to Williamsport several months ago, and is alleged to have been married to a young woman named Lottie Webber, of Sugar Valley. Soon after arriving he wrote to his wife that he was ill in the hospital, and has since written similar letters advising her of his slow progress towards health. Becoming worried over her husband's condition Mrs. Johnson left Jamestown and came to Williamsport. Upon her arrival there she learned the true condition of affairs and caused her husband's arrest.

—"One of the most serious accidents that has yet been recorded, occurred at Smith Brothers' saw mills, at Portville, Saturday night. Mrs. D. W. Smith went to the mill to take her husband his lunch, and in passing under the slasher she was obliged to stoop. In doing so her shawl was caught in the saw and before she could extricate herself she was terribly injured and would have been killed instantly if her clothes had not clogged and stopped the machinery. She received a cut from the back below the waist line, extending to the abdomen and cutting into the hip. Over 200 stitches were taken in sewing up the wound. Hopes of her recovery are very slight. This is the sixth accident that has occurred at the mills.