

-SAMUEL MILLER had great reason to be thankful yesterday.

-There are many ways for a good man to go to the bad, but only one for a bad man to get to the good.

-Men may have more money to spend than they had a few years ago, but it takes it, for it costs more to live now than it did then.

-You had many things to be thankful for yesterday and not the least of them was that you still have life and time to prepare for the hereafter.

-Were you duly thankful for everything yesterday. Oft-times the blessings we value the least are the ones most essential to our welfare.

-The census reports show there are but 269,308 Indians left. And most people are of the opinion that the country would be none the worse off if these left also.

-The election being over there are many of the fellows who spent their money for whiskey who will wish they had it now to buy Christmas things with.

-The fellows who are so much exercised just now as to who is, or ought to be, the leader of the great Democratic party would do well to realize that a few privates are needed.

-General URIBE-URIBE's recent failure may have somewhat abbreviated his military glory but it don't seem to have softened his hyphen to any appreciable extent.

-It looks like a premature precaution for owners of unseated lands to lock them up at night already. ISAAC B. BROWN will not be sworn into office for several months yet.

-If Republican explanations of Apostle SMOOT's Mormonism are to be relied upon he is evidently of that class of saints who suffer an awful banker's but feel that politically he "dassent."

-The rosters may be with Mr. ROOSEVELT in his game with the trusts, but we have serious doubts if he will make a touch down until his rush-line is strengthened and he puts more ginger into his tackle.

-Mr. ROOSEVELT may be shaking his head and pawing up the ground in great shape, but we don't see any more signs of his charging on the red flags that the trusts are flaunting all about him than there were six months ago.

-Philadelphia, after all, has a little shame left. At the exhibition of its public school conditions last week, it kept in the back ground its school-boards that are charged with mulching teachers for places given them. This much to its credit.

-The tribute paid to the memory of Herr KRUPP by the German Emperor will go a long way toward putting the seal of condemnation on the kind of public utterances that are supposed to have contributed largely to the great gun maker's death.

-Human life in Centre county can't be held at a very high estimate. With BECKWITH getting off with a lighter sentence than a horse thief and MILLER convicted in a second degree it begins to look as if cold-blooded murder is not such a bad crime after all.

-Though Col. THOMAS OCHILTREE, who has just passed away at Hot Springs, Va., was one of the biggest liars ever known it is hardly likely that St. PETER will deny him a golden lyre, for the kind of lies the Colonel told were harmless and purely for the amusement of his fellows.

-The announcement that the Pennsylvania railroad company is to raise its freight rates after January 1st, 1903, explains to the public who will pay the advance of wages granted the employees of that corporation—with such a blare of trumpets—only a week or more ago.

-The anthracite coal operators are making about the same fuss over settling their troubles that a baby does over taking a dose of nasty medicine. They realize that they have to settle but they are determined to make the public pay for as much of a sugar coating as is possible to get onto the bitter dose.

-So Col. WILBUR FISKE REEDER has taken to dealing in gold bricks, has he? It might be possible that those Pleasant Gap people will shy a few of the ones he worked off on them in the appointment of the post-master out there back at him about the time he runs for county chairman again.

-There is another marker in the cemetery calling attention to the folly of Christian science healing. Miss LOUISE HOGG, of Evanston, Ill., went to Washington several weeks ago to be a brides-maid for a girl school mate and while there was stricken with typhoid fever. She refused to be treated by any but Christian science healers and the result of her folly is that she is probably trying to fix it up with good St. PETER now for having contributed to the taking of her own life.

-Christmas is coming on. The WATCHMAN costs only \$1.00 a year. For \$1.65 you can get it and the Tri-Weekly World for a year. For \$2.25 you can get it and the Youth's Companion for a year. Wouldn't any one of these offers make a nice Christmas present for some friend of yours? Of course they would. Then why spend more for some worthless fob when you can send a present that will be a weekly reminder of your friendship, as well as a blessing to whatever household it enters.

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Roosevelt Crab-fishing.

The friends of President ROOSEVELT are trying to extricate him from a deep and dirty hole in connection with his recently formed political partnership with the notorious hoodler, GAS ADDICKS, of Delaware. For example, in double-headed editorial leader, the Philadelphia Press said the other day: "There has been a wide misapprehension of the spirit and purpose of President ROOSEVELT in reappointing WILLIAM M. BYRNE, of Delaware, as United States District Attorney. Fortunately it can now be corrected. Mr. BYRNE held the office by appointment of President McKinley. He determined to accept the candidacy of the ADDICKS faction for Congress. President ROOSEVELT thereupon required him to resign, pending the canvass, because he felt that, while running for one office under the circumstances, Mr. BYRNE ought not to hold the other. After he failed of election the President re-appointed him, and a misconception arose which was left uncorrected at the time the President was away on his Mississippi trip."

Having thus paved the way for a colossal falsehood the Press proceeds: "The Press is now able to state that Mr. BYRNE was re-appointed without the slightest reference to the ADDICKS or the anti-ADDICKS issue. If he had been the anti-ADDICKS candidate for Congress, he would have been appointed just the same. He was named neither to help nor to hurt anybody. The President appointed him on personal grounds, which in his judgment, harmonized with sound public grounds." But the facts are both against the theory and the statement. The regular Republicans of Delaware had nominated a candidate for Congress who was particularly obnoxious to ADDICKS. He tried every conceivable plan to get a candidate in opposition, but failed until he made a bargain with BYRNE, who was appointed to office by McKinley as an anti-ADDICKS man, but was subsequently won over by that mysterious force which ELKIN said carried the Republican convention for PENNYPACKER. The campaign was notoriously corrupt and venal, and resulted in the defeat of both Republican candidates and the election of the Democratic nominee.

After the result had been announced that ADDICKS' candidate had polled nearly twice as many votes as the regular candidate, ADDICKS went to Washington to ask for the reappointment of BYRNE. The conference lasted the greater part of an afternoon, and at its conclusion Mr. ADDICKS announced that his man would be re-appointed immediately, that he would have the distribution of all the federal patronage for that State, that the State would elect two United States Senators and he would be one of them and finally that the State is for ROOSEVELT for President in 1904. Next day the announcement was confirmed by an order from the White House appointing BYRNE, whereupon the moral sentiment of the community protested in most emphatic phrases and frightened the life out of the parties to the corrupt and demoralizing compact. ROOSEVELT, who was never constant to friendship or contract, may have since repeated, but he made the bargain all right and would stick to it if it promised the promotion of his political interests.

No Ballot Reform.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries still pretend to entertain a hope that ballot reform legislation will be enacted during the coming session of the Legislature and go on talking about the kind of law needed, just as if there were even the shadow of a chance for the reform. For example, the Huntingdon Journal says: "The Republican party controls the next Legislature by an overwhelming majority and stands pledged to the passage of a ballot reform bill. If there is any one thing that the people of this State demand it is the fulfillment of that pledge. There must be no evasion or compromise."

Two years ago the Republican party was pledged to the passage of a ballot reform bill and Senator QUAY supplemented the pledge by a personal promise, supported by his word of honor that it would be fulfilled, but no attempt was made to fulfill the promise, though the Democrats and Independent Republicans urged it every day of the session. Why was the pledge disregarded? Because QUAY knew that if it had been carried out his party would have been defeated at the recent election and most of its leaders would now be on the high road to state prison. Fraud at the elections is essential to Republican success and so long as that is true there will be no ballot reform legislation with QUAY's consent.

Our Huntingdon contemporary may as well abandon its hope, therefore. So long as the Republican party controls the Legislature by an overwhelming majority, or even by a narrow margin, QUAY will be able to prevent ballot reform legislation and he will prevent it in order to save not only his political life but his personal liberty. An honest election would be the worst thing for QUAY that could possibly happen to him. It would not only put all his friends out of political life but withdraw from them the protection which now guarantees them immunity from just punishment for crimes committed.

Ignorance or Stupidity.

In his Philadelphia speech of last Saturday evening, President ROOSEVELT said: "It is idle to tell the people that we have not the power to solve such a problem as that of exercising adequate supervision over the great industrial combinations of to-day. We have the power and we shall find out the way." To which the New York Sun pertinently asks "Now who has been so idle and ill-informed as to suggest to the minds of the people that the government has not already the power to legislate for the exercise of adequate federal supervision over the great industrial combinations of to-day? And answers by quoting ROOSEVELT."

In his annual message to Congress nearly a year ago President ROOSEVELT declared: "If the judgment of Congress is that it lacks the constitutional power to pass such an act, then a constitutional amendment should be submitted to confer the power." In his speech at Providence on August 23rd he said: "Some governmental sovereign must be given full power over these artificial and very powerful corporate beings." Two days later, at Boston, he said: "No matter what our reverence for the past our duty to the present and the future will force us to see that some power is conferred upon the national government and when that power has been conferred it will rest with the government to exercise it." On September 6th, at Wheeling, West Va., he said: "I firmly believe that in the end power must be given, probably through a constitutional amendment, to the national government to exercise in full supervision and regulation of these great enterprises." At Cincinnati, on September 20th, he repeated, practically, the same opinion.

Thus it will be seen that ROOSEVELT himself idly or ignorantly told the people of the country "that we have not the power to solve such a problem as that of exercising adequate supervision over the great industrial combinations of to-day and we are indebted to our stalwart Republican contemporary, the New York Sun, for proving the fact so completely. We refer to it now simply to show what a consummate ass ROOSEVELT is. He goes plunging through the country like an ignorant maniac chattering of this thing and that, without knowledge or understanding and contradicting himself every time he opens his mouth.

Quay And Penrose Home.

Senators QUAY and PENROSE are home from Florida where they have been since the day after election. DURHAM, MCNICOLL, VARE and the other convivial pilgrims in the Southern retreat got back last week, but the chief and his senatorial colleague tarried a while and arrived on Monday. They were both in excellent spirits on their arrival. QUAY stopped in Washington to warn ROOSEVELT against anything like "monkeying" with the tariff but resumed his journey a day later and held a conference with PENNYPACKER on Tuesday. As a result of that we may expect to see an announcement of the coming cabinet in the near future.

Senator PENROSE was in a serene frame of mind on his return, the public will be glad to know. He was asked whether he would be a candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia and "ridiculed" the idea, it is said. But he announced that he is a candidate for re-election to the Senate, and added that he has the pledge of their support from practically all the Republican Senators and members elect in the Legislature. In other words he has his re-election "coined" and that without buying a vote or promising a favor. It's small wonder that he is in a good humor with himself and feels kindly toward the world. Things are coming his way in large lots.

The language of the Senator is significant, moreover, for another reason. It indicates that Attorney General ELKIN after having justified QUAY's published estimate that he is too corrupt to become a candidate of his party for Governor by supporting the candidate for whom the nomination was bought over his head, is craven enough to support for Senator the man who influenced QUAY to thus morally murder him. In other words it reveals ELKIN in the light of a self-confessed hoodler licking the hands that put the mark of Cain on his head and servilely crawling at the feet of those who have condemned him as a criminal. It is almost inconceivable but actually true.

The day of the lightning rod agent is fast coming to a close. Modern builders have thought so little of BENJ. FRANKLIN'S invention that they are so rarely used that only one firm in the United States is making them to-day. The passing of the lightning rod agent takes from the field of expert swindlers one of the most expert classes and will have the tendency of making bucolic life less liable to disaster. With the Bohemian ones mau and the patient cream sippers gone to join the lightning rod agent the life of the gullible farmer would be as happy as a big sun-flower.

The Wickedest City.

General BOOTH, the Salvation army chief-tain, has expressed the opinion that New York is the wickedest city in the world. General BOOTH, who is a man of great age and wide experience in what is called "stump work," ought he know a good deal about the subject to which he refers. He has traveled extensively and visited all cities of Europe, if not those of Asia and Africa, and his time in each has been spent in the immoral sections where he has labored with zeal, assiduity and intelligence to better the conditions of the people. But his estimate of New York in that respect indicates a woeful want of information, not to say understanding.

New York is bad enough, no doubt, and in the tough sections presents a heart-breaking aspect. But the history of the worst periods of that city there was sufficient, civic pride and christian spirit to maintain at least the pretense of public decency. There has never been in the office of chief magistrate of the city a common hoodler. There has never been an actual alliance between the Mayor of the city and the dens of vice. In a circumscribed way immorality may have been protected in parts of New York by arrangement with a police captain, but the Mayor, the courts and other high municipal officers have never been associated with dens of iniquity nor engaged in a partnership with organized crime.

This distinction belongs exclusively to Philadelphia where during the past four years the Mayor has been regularly levying and collecting blackmail, according to common reports and newspaper statements, on the basest forms of crime and protecting it in its iniquities. It would probably be unfair to say that the courts of the city acquiesce in these infamies, but it is certain that they close their eyes to them and that they do excuse all forms of political crimes and encourage men to perpetrate them in order to prolong the tenure of power of the machine. In view of these facts General BOOTH is unjust to New York in his statement that it is the wickedest city. That distinction belongs to Philadelphia.

Secretary Hitchcock's Trouble.

Secretary of the Interior HITCHCOCK, in his annual report made public the other day, which by the way is a document of great length and some value, complains about the operations of a certain class of speculators and swindlers in the West, who give him much trouble and annoyance. They want all sorts of favors, grants and gratuities and because he doesn't consent to the spoliation they threaten him in one way and another and make his official life a burden. One could think that a public official would have little or no trouble in protecting himself against such swindlers but those who dismiss the subject in that way don't know much about the facts.

For example, about a year ago Secretary HITCHCOCK was annoyed beyond measure by a very powerful politician who wanted a patent for the minerals in a certain Indian reservation in the Northwest. The land belonged to the Indians and the government, exercising the rights of a guardianship, had no authority to make such a grant which would be practically robbing the wards of the Nation. While the controversy was in progress Postmaster General CHARLES EMORY SMITH resigned his office and the powerful politician who was trying to rob the Indians was named in his place. Finally the Secretary of the Interior complained to the President and after a brief examination of the matter was ordered to issue the patent.

The powerful politician was the present Postmaster General, HENRY C. PAYNE, and the dispute very nearly cost Secretary HITCHCOCK his official head. In fact he was practically notified to either give official sanction to the robbery of the Indians or resign and for some reason that has never been explained he committed the crime and continued in office. His open protest against similar importunities now may cause his dismissal, for the chances are more than even that the pirates who are pestering him now are friends of the President who want to take advantage of the opportunity which his accidental occupancy of the office affords them to enrich themselves at the expense of the public.

The demonstration made at old "Strychnine Corner" Saturday night by the worthless, doleless liggers of Bellefonte, suggests that they need a little more of the medicine that officer HARRY MILLER gave some of them shortly after he was put on the force. Fining them or putting them in jail is not punishment, but if we had one of those Delaware whipping posts up here there would be a very different state of affairs. The honest, upright, courteous colored people of the town, of whom there are many, feel the disgrace that this gang of drunken scamps brings upon the community quite as keenly as do the whites, and have used every means at their command to break it up.

Teachers of Tyranny.

From Goldwin Smith, in the Toronto Sun.

This coal strike is the most terrible and destructive battle ever fought in the disastrous and ominous war between capital and labor. Outrage and interference by intimidation with the action of men, who are willing to work ought, of course, at once to be put down. But can we, looking to the prevailing temper of the commercial world, be much scandalized at the excesses of the Miners' Union? Is the Union more selfish and tyrannical than the Trust? Is not capital allowing itself in its rapacity to turn commerce into a general war? Has not its habitual language become that of hostile and aggressive combination? What has it been doing in South Africa, in China, in the Philippines? Has it not been enlisting the most destructive passions in the service of its greed and filling the commercial air with violence? If the unions are monopolists, may they not point to a protectionist tariff, supported by a group of monopolist interests as their pattern and justification?

Multi-millionaireism is also probably answerable in part for the present trouble. The workingman hears of a multi-millionaire selling out for three hundred millions, after drawing an enormous income for a series of years, and he naturally thinks that he is not getting his share, and to get iron across the moulding department of the Shamokin Iron work Tuesday evening, Calvin Berger, aged 18-years, was instantly killed by the skimmer forming a circuit with a live arc light wire, causing 2000 volts of electricity to course through him.

How Expansion is Progressing in the East.

From the N. Y. World.

The war as war may be over in the Philippines, but the chronic trouble we bought from Spain is not cured, and there is no evidence that it ever will be. Guerrilla bands are active in several provinces. In Luzon, the largest island, they are committing outrages near Manila. In Bifirri they have just beheaded the mayor of a town, murdered his wife and abducted his children; his offense was friendship with the "Americano." In Samar religious fanaticism urges a "holy war" against the intruders. A superintendent of schools and six teachers have been killed by natives.

Pressing are the problems of administration. Cholera attacks thousands daily in the large towns. The rinderpest is killing the Buffalo and farmers are in great need. There is trouble about the exclusion of the thrifty and industrious Chinese. Significant facts testify to official recognition of the gravity of the situation. We are building in Japan five gunboats for quick action in the Philippines; the course of studies in the naval academy has just been shortened from four years to three years because of the recent need of naval officers.

There is, then, no expectation—there is not even hope—that the pacification of the islands will endure. We cannot change Malay nature. We cannot extinguish the love of liberty and independence in these people.

The Country's Full of Jim Scroggins.

From the Commoner. Jim Scroggins never thought nor read, but went where party bosses led; and whooped it up both day and night for tariff tax with all his might. On high protection he went daff and helped the trusts hold to their graft. And just because they jollied him they got their cutthroats into him. They robbed him on his floor and meat, and other things he had to eat; they robbed him on his clothes and shoes; yea, on his purse they put the screws. But still Jim Scroggins would not see the trusts outrolled the g. o. p., and still remained an easy mark for every corporation shark.

"I've got enough to eat and wear," said Jim, and he'd his care, but he had the trust perfect their cinch until at last he felt their pinch. Then Jim discovered with dismay he couldn't live upon his pay; but every month he'd surely find himself a little more behind.

"Was then he said, 'It seems to me I'm short on this prosperity.' But when he thought a better wage his trust employers whooped with rage. Jim got it—please observe the facts—just where the chicken got the ax; and Jim now loudly doth bewail the hot air in his dinner pail.

Corn That Grew to Heaven.

From the Centre Hall Reporter.

John Puff disproved a rank story emanating from the west. In a recent letter from some of his relatives they landed their section of country from an agricultural standpoint, by describing how a little boy got astride a corn stalk and was unable to dismount on account of the rapid growth of the plant. Men were summoned with axes to cut down the stalk, but one stroke was all that could be given in one spot, because when the second stroke was made the first cut had grown skyward and out of reach. The effort to secure the boy was given up. The letter concluded by saying that it was hoped by this time the boy had reached heaven.

Down to Tolls on Christmas Presents.

From the Wellboro Gazette.

It will doubtless prove a source of disappointment to many families to learn that the administration, at the behest of the protected interests in the Philippines, has decided that Christmas boxes for the soldier boys in the Islands will be subject to the same tariff duties as other merchandise. There will be no duty free Christmas presents for the soldier boys this year.

Spawns from the Keystone.

-Lycoming county gunners claim to have shot a six prong buck weighing over 300 lbs. and a perfectly white deer in the neighborhood of Saladysburg last week.

-Rev. Father Hussie, of St. Gabriel's church, Hazleton, will marry free those of his flock too poor to pay the fee. The coal strike has made a dearth of marriages.

-Septimus Winner, composer of "The Mocking Bird" and hundreds of other popular songs, died suddenly at his home in Philadelphia on Sunday. He was 76 years of age.

-Charles Welshans, of Nippenose valley, has 19 apple trees of the winter variety. From these he sold 576 bushels, buried 48 and has 29 bushels in the cellar, thus making 633 bushels.

-While Lawrence Ball, of Clearfield, was handling a revolver on Sunday, he accidentally shot and killed his brother, Victor. Lawrence's age is 18 years, and Victor's 15. Both had just returned from church.

-Maude Kramer, 13-years-old, of South Williamsport, Sunday found a cartridge, and pounded it on the stove. It exploded. The first and second fingers and the thumb of the left hand were blown off and the hand was shattered. The wounds were dressed.

-C. B. Witmer Esq., attorney for Mrs. John Horley and Mrs. Fred Glass, whose husbands were killed in the Lycoming creek bridge disaster on the Pennsylvania railroad near Williamsport last December, has entered suit against the company for \$25,000 damages in each case.

-Allen Drawbaugh, principal of the Fothergill school, Steelton, claims to have more nationalities represented in his school than any other public school in the State. He has 53 pupils, 48 of whom are foreigners and five Americans, one of the latter being a negro.

-While carrying a long-handled skimming iron across the moulding department of the Shamokin Iron work Tuesday evening, Calvin Berger, aged 18-years, was instantly killed by the skimmer forming a circuit with a live arc light wire, causing 2000 volts of electricity to course through him.

-Archie Davis, a 10-year-old lad, has arrived home, having made the journey alone from Wenatchie, in the State of Washington, to Harrisburg. He bore a tag, containing the following: "Mr. Conductor, please pass me along, for I am a little boy going home to my mamma at Harrisburg, Pa."

-When Senator Quay was a visitor at Lebanon for the first and only time, two years ago, he was given a banquet, which, it now appears, has not been paid for. Jones brothers, the Reading caterers who served the feast, on Tuesday brought suit to recover the amount of their bill, \$54, with two years' interest.

-In what is known as "Huckleberry Hollow," near Leesburg, Cumberland Co., Geo. Severs and David Bailey engaged in a quarrel on Monday. Both were intoxicated. Bailey struck Severs in the back of the neck with a pair of brass knuckles, breaking his neck. Severs died in fifteen minutes. Bailey escaped on a freight train and has not yet been arrested.

-A young man named Albrand, of Horatio, Jefferson county, according to a dispatch from Kerkhaus, has terribly injured as the result of a hunting accident and may die. His comrades missed him and hearing a shot went to see what he brought down. They found him with the side of his head blown off by the accidental discharge of his gun.

-The slander trial of Thomas Robinson, of Butler, against John Wanamaker of Philadelphia will be tried at Beaver Thursday, Dec. 4th. Mr. Robinson charges Mr. Wanamaker with slandering him in a political speech made in Norristown in Oct. 1893, in connection with the printing of the "Pennsylvania Bird Book." Mr. Robinson being at the time Superintendent of Printing.

-It has been discovered that the heart of Barney Rupert, of Beech Creek, Clinton county, is on the right side instead of his left. The discovery was made while examining the young man for a life insurance policy. The heart, lungs and liver are believed to be very close together. Notwithstanding this peculiarity he enjoys good health and works every day at the Pennsylvania fire brick works. Very few cases of this kind have been reported.

-Henry Borrell, a Berks county, supervisor of Alsace township, a widower 60 years old, is the defendant in a suit for \$500 damages brought by Jennie L. Keller, aged 19 years. She alleges that Borrell caught her on her mother's porch one day last summer and tried to kiss her. She became frightened and in the struggle to free herself fell on top of a picket fence, sustaining internal injuries which confined her to bed for three months.

-While returning home Saturday evening three Italian hunters found a 3-month's old baby hidden on the Harleigh mountains, near Hazleton. The deserted infant was suffering from cold and hunger. A bottle half filled with milk lay on the ground nearby. The hunters were attracted by the cries of the child. The infant was taken to Hazleton and placed in the home of detention. Fully a hundred mothers called to see the babe, in order to establish its identity if possible, but the authorities gained no clue from this source.

-Coke production in the Connellsville region took another slump last week because the railroad companies were unable to supply the cars and motive power to move the production and stock from the congested yards. The H. C. Frick Co. last week was compelled to lay off 10 of their plants five days. Many of the smaller operators shut down two days, and not a few of them ran only five. The plants that are credited with six days' run did not produce as much coke in some instances as they would with a regular five days' run and plenty of cars.

-Judges Stowe and Collier, of Pittsburg, on Tuesday handed down a decision regarding the compulsory education law of 1901 that is of interest to all school boards. These judges declare that the provisions of that act do not apply to boys over 13 years of age who are employed at home, and base their decision on that section of the law which reads as follows: "This act shall not apply to any child between the ages of 13 and 16 years who can read and write the English language intelligently, and is regularly engaged in any useful employment or service."