

Ink Slings.

Forget the bad deeds you have done
In this old year nineteen-two
And set your heart on nobler ones
With the coming of the new.

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Wall Street's Santa Claus.

The rich New York banks have organized a pool, we are informed, for the purpose of supplying funds to crippled financiers engaged in Wall street speculations.

After the election, however, the Secretary of the Treasury came to the conclusion that he had no further interest in the matter of saving the country from panic.

The war in South America has about begun, unless the proposed arbitration points an end to it.

It is hardly worth while to talk about the MONROE Doctrine, for since the Imperialists began operations there has scarcely been enough of that left to cast a shadow.

There seems to be considerable criticism to the effect that the White House has been remodelled so much that there is no room left on the walls to hang the valuable portraits of the Presidents.

Judge Pennypacker's Cabinet.

Governor-elect PENNYPACKER has selected his cabinet, we notice in our Philadelphia exchanges, but at this writing he has not taken the public into his confidence sufficiently to state what gentlemen are favored.

This is one of the anomalies of politics. The friends of Judge PENNYPACKER declare with a vehemence which almost challenges belief that he will be the Governor and that his aim will be to make his administration an honor to himself, a credit to his party and a benefit to the State.

Of course the business of the office has gone on during all the time during the absence and probably as well as if Mr. DURHAM had been constantly in attendance.

Discussing a statement of Mr. JAMES J. HILL, president of the railroad trust, to the effect that in the unsettled values as revealed in speculative operations in Wall street there are signs of an impending commercial and industrial revolution.

The crops are the foundation of all prosperity and commercial and industrial activity in this country.

The man who says that the tariff promotes industrial activity is either a knave or a fool.

The WATCHMAN favors the adoption of voting by machinery for the reason that in the end it will secure not only honest and independent voting, but will insure an honest count of the ballots cast.

It is in the returns that the great frauds in this State are perpetrated.

With machine voting there would be no ballots to count; there would be no boxes that could be stuffed; there would be no way by which returns could be manipulated or changed.

Speaker Reed's Withdrawal.

It was the enemies of the late THOMAS B. REED who declared that disappointment because of his failure to get the presidential nomination was the cause of his resignation of the Speakership of the House.

Referring to the death of Mr. REED in our last issue we stated that he withdrew from public life because he could not support the policies of his party when under the influence of the hucksters who controlled the administration then in power.

The reference to his family is also a subterfuge. Mr. REED was not a rich man, but his family was abundantly provided for out of his congressional salary.

Mr. CANNON says that REED regarded the Philippine policy of the McKinley administration "as a dangerous departure from old policies."

The strike commission, according to the published reports of the hearings in progress in Scranton, has been greatly moved by the testimony of the children employed in the mines.

There is a law in this State which forbids the employment of children of tender age in factories and no doubt it likewise applies to coal mines.

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It's Different Now.

From the Walla-Walla (Wash.) Statesman. Apostle Reed Smoot will be the next sent to the papers and the Republican party had a holy horror of the outrage and joined in a mighty protest against the alleged polygamist being seated.

There was a time when the Republican party had a holy horror of the "twain relics" of barbarism, "slavery and polygamy," but that was away back in the days of Abraham Lincoln and Charles Sumner.

"Ours is not the creed of the weakling and the coward" says Mr. Roosevelt in his message, "ours is the gospel of hope and of triumphant endeavor."

It is hardly known outside of Rhode Island's bailiwick that the election of a Democratic Governor there is a defeat for one of the most solidly constructed political machines to be found on this continent.

How that "Independence" Has Petered Out.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

There are seventy-eight applications for liquor license filed in Elk county.
J. C. Neyhart, a popular citizen of Williamsport, died of paralysis last Tuesday evening, aged almost 52 years.
Nelson Slangenwhite is an inmate of the Lycoming county jail, at Williamsport, on the serious charge of tampering with switch locks.
A Lancaster man has been fined \$21.77 for uttering thirty-one oaths, or sixty-seven cents for each oath.
J. E. Gearhart's brick block in Clearfield was destroyed by fire Saturday morning.
Eight carcasses of venison have been found in the woods in Sullivan county by men employed by C. W. Chapin since the close of the hunting season.
As the Rev. Eli Spensler, pastor of the Waterville M. E. church, was driving along Pine Creek narrows his sleigh slid on the icy road and toppled over a fifty foot embankment, taking driver and horse into Pine Creek.
William Y. Lyon, 73 years old, for 50 years constable, police officer, special detective, etc., and a leading Republican politician of Reading city, was Monday sentenced to six months imprisonment and a fine of \$100, he having been convicted of extortion in accepting \$80 in settlement of two gambling cases in which he was the prosecutor.
John C. Winter, a well known builder and contractor of Lycoming county, while at Newberry, a suburb of Williamsport, supervising the construction of a building, jumped up on the porch, when a sharp butcher knife which he carried in his pocket, severely wounded him on the wrist, almost severing an artery.
The Clearfield Republican says: The story is current in and about Clearfield that the Harrison-Walker Refractories company which today embraces all the fire brick plants in this and adjoining counties, with a few exceptions, will shortly establish a chain of stores, locating one at or near each plant.
But for the crying of their little granddaughter early Friday morning, Michael Riedy and wife and the little girl would have been smothered by coal gas from a stove in Williamsport. Riedy had just strength enough to raise a window. A long time was required to restore Mrs. Riedy to consciousness. The child suffered least.
John M. Pursell, who died in Williamsport Friday, will be entombed in a vault of his own invention. Fearful of being buried alive, he caused to be constructed, several years ago, a sepulchre of cast iron, with chambers to admit air enough to sustain life. The doors of the compartments cannot be opened from the outside, but they may be readily unfastened from within. The vault has been thoroughly tested.
G. W. Owen, who resides three miles south of New Bloomfield, met with a peculiar accident on Monday. He was putting new steel shoes on his sled, which he had turned upside down, and had drawn the steel bar down over the runner, when the chain slipped and the steel bar straightened out. It struck Mr. Owen on the side of the face and knocked him about ten feet, rendering him unconscious for a moment.
Wrapping himself in bedclothes at his boarding house at Rosier, near Clearfield Thursday night, John H. Davis shot himself in the head. The flash set the bedclothes afire, and the other boarders, awakened by smoke, saved the suicide from cremation. Grief over the death of his wife was the cause. Davis recently transferred his bank account to his 9 year-old boy, and it is thought the deed was contemplated.
An unhappy Yuletide stares in the faces of the forty residents of Harleigh, near Hazelton, who on Friday were served with notices of eviction by the firm of G. B. Markle & Co. These notices were served by an officer of the company, and it is stipulated that if the back rent due the company by these people is not paid before January 1st, 1903, that the tenants of the company so notified will be evicted at the expiration of that time.
The next Legislature will be asked to pass a law compelling all barbers within the State to be licensed, passing a fee before receiving the diploma to practice. According to the proposed act every person now engaged as a barber must, within thirty days after the bill's passage, make affidavit to his qualifications, and, if these are satisfactory, a certificate will be issued to him. Beginners must pass an examination and pay a fee of \$5.
John E. DuBois, who owns 200,000,000 feet of timber on Hicks Run, thirty-six miles from DuBois, will bring all that timber to his large mill at DuBois. To do this he must build fifteen miles of railroad track to reach the Low Grade road near Dent's Run station, from which point he will run his log trains over the Pennsylvania line to DuBois. This will be the longest haul of saw logs yet made in this section of Pennsylvania. The logs and bark will be loaded in the woods and be run to DuBois without any charge. It is estimated that ten years will be consumed in cutting and manufacturing.
Harry W. Mansfield, of Altoona, a through freight brakeman on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad was making a trip east Sunday and in the vicinity of Greensburg he attempted to step from one box car to another. As he did so he slipped and fell between the cars. In the descent his gun overcoat caught on the brake and he hung suspended between the cars unable to extricate himself and momentarily expecting to fall beneath the wheels. Finally the coast gave way and down he went, feet foremost. When he got between the bumpers he was struck by the rear car, and as the train was going about twenty-five miles an hour, the force was sufficient to knock him over onto the adjoining track, where he lay unconscious and was found shortly afterwards by a track walker, who picked him up and had him placed on Philadelphia express and sent to his home at Altoona. He was severely cut and bruised but will recover in due time.