

Ink Slings.

The preacher men are working hard, To run the town just right, They're locking now for police-men Who won't be out sight...

Special train episodes are not to be a feature of this session. The effort of the ARMOURS to corner the butter market we hope will not lead to a variety of embalmed butter.

It is not to be wondered at that most people look hopeless now-a-days. Both Congress and the Legislature are in session.

If Mr. ROOSEVELT desires to give the country relief, we would suggest that he allow his press bureau a reasonable vacation.

The new county officials are all settled down to their work now and the next thing to be done will be for the county to settle up.

Old Omnibus Bill is setting out a grove of plum trees for QUAY in the three new territories he is carrying to Statehood.

From the way General GREENE is turning the police department of New York upside down we are constrained to remark that there isn't so much in a name after all.

CARNEGIE wants to send up another kite in Philadelphia, but that city is expected to supply the usual handsome tail that ANDREW always insists upon being tacked onto his gratuities.

MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY will be responsible for the work of the present session of the Legislature and the Republican party of Pennsylvania is responsible for MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY.

With Congress and the Pennsylvania Legislature in session both at the same time it is little wonder that prophet COLES reads such direful things in the horoscope for the first few months of 1903.

The recent election in Honduras resulted in the polling of 30,000 more votes than the entire population of that State. Evidently its politicians have been taking lessons in Philadelphia methods.

The nice little steals have begun already at Harrisburg. The first thing they did was to rush a bill through that will squander several hundred thousand dollars every session for something that is absolutely useless.

Gen. MILES, the head of the United States army, is a great figure abroad, but he will no sooner get home than the "carpet knights" about the War Department will get at their old job of trying to make him look like a plugged two cent piece.

There is a young woman at Centralia, Ill., who has been asleep for one hundred days and bids fair to out do RIP VAN WINKLE. A lovers' quarrel is said to have been the cause of her peculiar trance, but the usual "kiss and make up" outcome of such affairs has utterly failed to arouse her.

Governor STONE's message is notable only for its length. The time for him to have done something was while in office. Parting advice and suggestions come with bad grace from the famous "post-script" artist who has been holding down the gubernatorial chair in Harrisburg for four years.

A young farmer in Lancaster county expired the other day from joy because he had unexpectedly obtained a ton of coal. And now everyone thinks it is a frightful thing that a country that is built on coal should come to such a pass. But stop and think for a moment. Suppose he hadn't found the coal. He would have frozen to death anyway.

Of course it was not to be expected that an effort to curb trusts could be made without creating a lot of new offices with which to buy support for the President for renomination. He and Attorney General KNOX have decided that trusts can be curbed but a special court, with a lot of high salaried judges and over paid accessories will be needed to sit on cases arising under the proposed anti-trust law.

The real horrors of the recent great mine strike in Pennsylvania are just beginning to ooze out through the great mass of other evidence that has been presented to the arbitration commission. With families without food for days and the homes of workers shattered with dynamite while wives and babies were asleep therein there is ground for question as to where our individual rights and personal liberties do come in anyway.

County chairman CYRUS BEUNGART has made public his district committee for 1903, a list of whom will be found in another column of this issue. Now is the time to commence to perfect the organization and every member of this committee should begin to get his precinct so thoroughly worked up that when a campaign approaches it will be an active, efficient machine; ready to support the party ticket. If a good preliminary organization is made now that work will not have to be done at a time when there are so many other things to look after.

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Criticizing Presidents.

Whatever others may say or think, the President himself and those who worship him have no just right to complain of criticisms of Mr. ROOSEVELT. In other words President ROOSEVELT has been a severe critic of the Presidents and in some of his complaints against his predecessors in office he has not even taken the trouble to be just.

They were some of the great Presidents of United States. They are among the cherished idols of the American people. President MONROE promulgated the doctrine which made the American Republic a "world power" without an army or navy. He conceived a policy which without war or sacrifices of any kind checked the advance of the "holy alliance," composed of the three most powerful nations of Europe in a contemplated invasion of South America.

Newspapers denounced ROOSEVELT as a gypsy when he slept in a blanket on the bank of a lake and cooked his own breakfast in the morning and later dined on bears' paws in a wilderness off of tin plates and without knives and forks. But wasn't the criticism just? Are such things becoming to the dignity of Presidents? Newspapers denounce him as a clown when he rides through the country dressed like Buffalo Bill and howling like a Derwish for something to kill.

An Excellent Beginning.

The Democrats in the Legislature began well and if they will adhere until the end of the session to the policy expressed in the character of the gentlemen upon whom the complimentary honors were bestowed they will reflect credit on their party and honor on the State.

These gentlemen represent the best impulses of the party and the best hopes of the public. Colonel GUFFEY is so well known to the Democrats of Centre county, that enlisting him is a work of supererogation. For years he has been an unselfish but assiduous leader of the party and in weal or woe has been ready to give time and money to the promotion of Democratic principles and interests.

Mr. IKELER is equally deserving of the favor of his colleagues in the House of Representatives. He began his legislative career with the last session and during the sessions of that body he was the one man who was feared by the atrocious Speaker MARSHALL. A lawyer of excellent ability and an orator of surpassing force he had the courage as well as the integrity to assail every iniquity which was offered during the session.

Too Credulous Contemporaries.

Some of our esteemed Philadelphia contemporaries, like the Municipal League of that town, are too credulous by far. For example they have accepted the most colossal political trick of Insurance Commissioner DURHAM's devious public life as a concession to political morals and a step in the direction of decent government.

What has JOHN WEAVER done to justify the prediction that his election to the office of Mayor of Philadelphia will give the people of that city honest or just government? When he entered upon the duties of District Attorney SAMUEL SALTER and his associate ballot box stuffers were fugitives from justice. But as soon as possible after that event they returned and he allowed them to be acquitted by default, though evidence that was overwhelming was accessible against them.

One contemporary refers to the fact that not long before he was chosen as a machine candidate for Mayor he refused to allow the cases of some political favorites go to trial before a fixed jury. If that had been followed by putting them on trial before a jury that wasn't fixed there would have been some reason for the claim.

In fact fewer political criminals have been convicted and punished under the administration of JOHN WEAVER, as District Attorney, than under that of any prosecuting attorney that Philadelphia has had in the past twenty years.

No, the selection of JOHN WEAVER as the Republican candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia by Insurance Commissioner DURHAM was not for the purpose of giving the people good government. It was obviously for the purpose of perpetuating the power of the machine over the city by fooling the public. JOHN WEAVER as District Attorney has served the machine so well that Mr. DURHAM has come to the conclusion that he is entitled to promotion and with the view of thus rewarding him he was chosen as the candidate for Mayor.

Organization of the Legislature.

The QUAY machine failed in none of its expectations in the organization of the Legislature on Tuesday. There wasn't a vote against the slated candidate for Speaker in the caucuses and the nomination of Senator PENROSE for re-election was unanimous. The insurgents all turned in and took QUAY's orders with equal alacrity if not with the same relish as the machine servants.

Not much can be said against the personal character of Speaker WALTON. But the manner of his nomination was an insult to the intelligence as well as the manhood of the Representatives in the Legislature. He was the choice of no considerable number of his associates on the floor. Immediately after the election Philadelphia Representatives canvassed the State in search of a Speaker in order to head WALTON off. Country members freely asserted that the big city already had more than its share of the party favors and they wanted to vote for a candidate for Speaker from the interior.

The rest of the work of organization was left to the "slate committee." That is to say the selection of the several clerks and other officers was committed to a group of picked men who will name obedient servants of the machine for each of the various places and if there are not enough to go around a few extras will be appointed and their comfortable salaries will be paid out of the sinking fund, unless, as in 1897, an indemnifying bond can be worked on the State Treasury. The situation presents an interesting prospect and the public will await developments with curious concern.

An Improbable Notion.

The Philadelphia Ledger expresses the belief that Governor-elect PENNYPACKER will appoint HAMPTON L. CARSON, of Philadelphia, to the office of Attorney General, the opposition of the machine to the contrary notwithstanding. It may be said, however, that the wish is father to the thought and that our contemporary's statement ought to be put in the shape of a hope rather than a belief.

Governor-elect PENNYPACKER will not break with QUAY at the beginning of his administration. If he were thirty years younger he might do that, for we are prepared to believe that the society of the average machine politician is distasteful to him. But he knows that a quarrel with QUAY now would condemn him to a life of wretchedness which would be simply intolerable during the entire term of his administration, and he won't take such chances.

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A Bit of Legislative Piracy.

Within an hour of the "call to order" of the General Assembly on Tuesday a neat little job was sneaked through both Houses which will cost the taxpayers anywhere from \$250,000 to \$500,000 a year and give not one farthing's value in return. The measure was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Fox, of Dauphin county, the gentleman who wanted to appropriate \$6,000,000 for the construction of a \$4,000,000 capital building two years ago.

From the net earnings for the calendar year, with December estimated, of \$132,662,000. The net earnings for the quarter ended December 31st were \$31,339,613, an increase of \$1,579,700, as compared with the same period of 1901. The transfer books close for the preferred dividend on January 20th, and for the common on March 16th.

These public documents are published in pamphlet form in great numbers "for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives." There was no more use for publishing them in the Legislative Record than there is putting an artificial tail on a worthless dog. But the contract for printing the Legislative Record has fallen into the hands of a party favorite and it was necessary to provide him with extras in order to swell his profits at the expense of neat a little piece of legislative piracy as has been perpetrated in recent years.

Resolved, by the Ministers of Bellefonte, that we favor the calling of a public meeting of the voters of our town, without respect to political party, but who favor a clean moral as well as economic and business like administration of our borough affairs, for the purpose of determining the advisability of nominating a Citizen's ticket for all the borough offices to be elected next month, men whose qualifications shall be, business capacity, good common sense and high moral conviction and courage.

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- WILFORD P. SHRINEE, Methodist Episcopal church. P. MCARDLE, Catholic church. H. C. HOLLOWAY, Lutheran church. GEORGE ISRAEL BROWN, St. John's Protestant Episcopal church. T. W. PERKS, U. B. church. WM. H. BROWN, United Evangelical church. T. J. ASKEW, A. M. E. church. AMBROSE M. SCHMIDT, Reformed church. R. CRITTENDEN, Missioner. L. B. HINDMAN, General Secretary Y. M. C. A.

Lady is Rather Indefinite in this Country.

The female teachers of Chicago are no longer to be rated as ladies; the school management committee having decided to change their official designation from "ladies" to "women." This is to be commended. In most European countries, the words "gentleman," "lady," and "gentlewoman" have a fixed and definite meaning, while in this country they have none that is generally recognized, and every one is at liberty to fix a standard by which to test the claimants to these designations.

This Man is Talking Sense.

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U. S. Steel Earnings Are \$132,662,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The directors of the United States Steel Corporation today declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1 per cent on the common and 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stocks. A financial statement was issued showing net earnings for the calendar year, with December estimated, of \$132,662,000.

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The board amended the by-laws by increasing the number of the finance committee, and Messrs. Henry C. Frick and Robert Bacon were elected members of the committee. The board approved the action of the finance committee in making the purchase of the Troy furnace and steel works, and of the Union Steel and Sharon Steel plants.

It was reported to the board that the plan for stock subscription was being well received by the employees, and that within three days after opportunity to subscribe was given upwards of 16,000 shares had been subscribed for.

SCOTTDALE, Pa., Jan. 6.—As a result of the meeting of the employees of the American Sheet Steel Company here this afternoon, about 600 shares of the stock of the United States Steel Corporation will be subscribed for by the company's workmen.

The Christian crusade is both opportune and fruitful, but when it enters politics it is getting onto ice that is dangerously thin.

Spawls from the Keystones.

Easton's painters, bricklayers and hod-carriers have made demands for higher wages. The safe in the Northern Central station at Halifax near Harrisburg, was blown open, but it was almost empty. While drilling a car in a stone quarry at Redington, William Pierson, of Easton, fell under the wheels and was cut to pieces. Eight Wilkesbarre policemen have sued Luzerne county for a day's wages each for attending the execution of wife-murderer Lutz. It cost \$154,000 to run Lehigh county last year in addition to \$145,000 damages to bridges by the spring flood. The balance in the treasury is \$73,000. Judge Scott, at Easton, revoked the hotel license of Thomas A. Koehler, of Klecknersville, against whom there were 57 counts for violation of the liquor laws. Despondent because of an impediment in her speech, following a stroke of paralysis, Miss Amanda Gerhart drank carbolic acid at her home in Weatherly and died. A stranger, walking through the Lycoming county bridge above Williamsport Monday, was caught by the east bound Buffalo flyer. He jumped to the side of the bridge and clung to the iron supporters until the train had passed. As a result of a collision between a passenger train and the rear end of a freight train on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad, Wednesday night, at Cochrane seven men are dead, one is dying, five others injured. Samuel Clark, of Lock Haven, has a relic in his possession in the shape of a pair of handmade leather baby shoes that were made by Daniel Eakens at Clintondale in 1850. The shoes are in excellent condition and show no signs of wear. While returning from school Monday, near Paxinos, at Shamokin a crowd of girls boarded a bob sled and started down a steep hill. Near the bottom the sled was upset, and Ruth Miller, 15 years old, was fatally injured by being hurled head first against a pile of rocks. The DuBois Morning Herald, a new daily which was to revolutionize the newspaper business in that city, after a brief existence of three months has been absorbed by the DuBois Courier. We have known other dailies, which were to knock the spots off their competitors, die young. The building owned by the Klester heirs, and occupied by Harry Ball, the cigar manufacturer, at Lamar, was burned recently. About 31,000 cigars, ready for shipment, and \$260 worth of tobacco leaf were burned. Mr. Ball's loss is about \$900; he is insured for about \$600. The origin of the fire is unknown. On Monday while A. S. Kulp and H. H. Crispen, of Lock Haven, were driving to Ferney they saw a yellow and black striped snake crawling on the icy road near the residence of Robert Simcox at Queens Run. The snake was about two and a half feet long and was as lively as if it were a day in July. It is announced that William T. Hill, worthy master of the State Grange, Patron of Husbandry, will make an effort to be appointed secretary of agriculture under Gov. Pennypacker. The present secretary, John Hamilton, of State College, is said to be anxious to retain the place, and the deputy secretary, Algernon S. Martin, of Lawrence, is also after the place. Benjamin F. May, an old and badly crippled broom-maker, was found lying in his little shop in Beaver Falls Saturday night, sick and unable to help himself and dying of cold and starvation. He refused to go to the hospital, saying it was a waste to get him to the poor house, but he was taken anyway, although it is expected that he can't live long owing to neglect. James L. Settles, said to be the oldest block telegraph operator now in the service of the Pennsylvania railroad, having served in that capacity for a little over thirty-three years, twenty-seven years of which was at McVeytown tower, has kept a record of all trains passing his office for many years. During 1902 there were 51,808 trains, an increase of 2,355 trains over 1901. Ira Sides, eighteen years old, died at his home at Bard, Bedford county, on Saturday from a fractured skull sustained by walking into a door at his home in the darkness. He arose early Saturday morning and in his hurry to get down stairs did not strike a light, trusting to his memory to guide him about the darkened house. He collided with an open door, and his forehead struck the edge with such force that his skull was fractured. Services commemorating the eighty-third anniversary of its organization were held in the Presbyterian Sunday school at Lewisburg on Sunday. The most noteworthy event of the meeting was the re-election of D. W. Woods to the office of superintendent, a distinction he has enjoyed annually for the past forty-eight years. He is a son of the Rev. James S. Woods, D. D., who was pastor of the Lewisburg Presbyterian church for more than forty years. Michael Dell, a Slavonian, committed suicide in the Windber park Friday night and his body was found hanging to a tree about 10 o'clock next morning by his brothers John and Andrew and Steve Polish, who, when they saw the suicide swinging between the branches and the snow, took to their heels and ran to notify the police authorities and Justice M. E. Sell, of Windber. The latter went to the park and cut the body down. Howard E. Perry, of Lock Haven, a member of Company H, Twelfth regiment, won a bride while he encamped with his command at Columbia park, at Shenandoah. The love affair, which has its origin during the anthracite coal strike of 1902, culminated in a wedding at Shenandoah on Christmas eve, the bride being Miss Martha Gable, of that town. The marriage was solemnized at 8 o'clock at the parsonage and was followed by a reception and wedding supper given at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gable. Mr. and Mrs. Perry will reside at Lock Haven. They arrived there from their wedding trip on Friday evening last.