

Ink Silage.

The Sultan of Sulu is laid away. In the place of his last repose. The lecherous old scamp worried uncle Sam gray. But he wasn't the worst of his woes.

HENRI GEORGES STEPHANE ADOLPHE APPER DE BLOWITZ, the eminent French journalist, is dead. It is a wonder he lived as long as he did under such a load.

Physicians say there are microbes infesting our paper money to a dangerous degree, but we have yet to observe the physician who won't take all of it he can get.

From the way E. R. CHAMBERS Esq., is getting started on the political elevator it might not be so long, after all, until Centre county produces another Governor. Go it NED.

What the Governor said in his message and what he will do in his administration of state affairs doesn't, necessarily, have to coincide, according to established precedent in Pennsylvania.

The apparent rupture of the Republicans at Harrisburg is likely to result in anything but good for poor Pennsylvania. This State does seem to get the worst of it—both going and coming—at Harrisburg.

Elder SMOOT of the Mormon Church has been elected to represent Utah in the United States Senate. It remains to be seen whether the Senate will do to SMOOT what Congress did to BRIHAM ROBERTS. Fire him out.

None of the discarded White House furniture brought very high prices at the auction sale in Washington on Wednesday, but all that should be discarded in that establishment won't be put on the block, until 1904.

Although the Treasury Department has decided that the bottom of the ocean is not a foreign country there are about seventy million people on this good dry land of ours who are extremely anxious that it remain foreign to them.

A local clergyman was a little hard on some of the frail craft of the community a few evenings ago when he prayed like this: "Oh Lord, we meet great, vigorous men on the streets one day, but, alas, the next they are taken and the weak are left."

House bill 12,002 to amend section 4,386 of the revised statutes should be killed. It were better to kill this bill than poor innocent cattle by increasing the time they may be kept in transport, without food, rest or drink, from twenty eight to forty hours.

The Tyrone Herald, in an obituary notice of a gentleman recently deceased, says: "He was a Democrat in politics, but a most affable, considerate and genial gentleman." Just as if it were an unusual thing for a Democrat to have any of the latter virtues.

The Harrisburg Patriot issued a sixteen page inaugural edition on Tuesday in which one page was devoted to Pennsylvania's poets. We wiped off our glasses several times, but failed to discover the name of our own WILLIAM SPEER among them.

It will be interesting to watch the action of a Pennsylvania Legislature on Col. A. K. McCLEURE's proposition to erect a monument, not to exceed twenty thousand dollars in cost, to the memory of Gen. ROBERT E. LEE on Seminary hill at Gettysburg.

The Centre county Members of the Legislature, Messrs. WETZEL and KEPLER, have been given committee appointments as follows: WETZEL on Constitutional Reform, Judiciary General and Mines and Mining. KEPLER on Accounts, Bureau of Statistics, Elections and Forestry.

Millionaire JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has just offered to give up one of his hundreds of millions to any physician who will give him a new stomach; an offer that is not likely to be taken up. For in these days of oil, coal and iron schemes for getting rich quick so few men have time to consider the stomach that new ones are rare.

When Governor PENNYPACKER was at the Granger's picnic at Centre Hall last fall some of the local leaders tried to freeze cousin NED CHAMBERS out of the social session they were having in head-quarters tent, but "Cousin NED" was too hardy a plant to be nipped by such frost, so he grew right on until he has blossomed out as a possible Deputy Attorney General.

It is very gratifying to people who live within twenty miles of some of the richest coal beds in the bituminous regions, and yet are freezing and compelled to see our industries closing, one by one, for want of coal, to read about the dispatch with which the big carrying corporations are handling the out-put of the mines at tide water. Possibly if there wasn't so much dispatch there, there wouldn't be so much distress here.

The woman who died in Philipsburg some time ago and, by her will, cut her son out of his inheritance, as well as forbade him to visit her grave, put the finishing touches upon an exceedingly forgiving and charitable document by concluding it as follows: "May God help him to make peace with his conscience." That's the trouble with too many people nowadays. They want to saddle onto God what they are not willing to do themselves.

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There is no Quarrel.

It may as well be understood first as last that there will be no quarrel between QUAY on one side and DURHAM and PENROSE on the other on account of anything which PENNYPACKER may do with respect to his cabinet. Probably the junior Senator and the Insurance Commissioner would have been glad to have had Secretary of the Commonwealth GRIEST retained in his present profitable place and LARRY ERYE saved from the political boggyland.

DURHAM and PENROSE depend on QUAY as completely as a babe of a week old depends on its mother. Both those gentlemen understand this quite as well as QUAY himself knows it. A few years ago DAVE MARTIN, of Philadelphia, who had more authority in the political machine than either of the gentlemen in question, got gay and undertook to be independent of QUAY. And what was the result? As long as CHRIS MAGEE lived and gave the influence of his vast wealth to support him MARTIN got along fairly well.

While the memory of MARTIN's experience is green in their mind nobody need imagine that PENROSE and DURHAM will quarrel with QUAY. He served them a soury trick, to be sure, but what was that? He served ELKIN a wretched deal last summer and within a couple of months that ambitious but not too well equipped politician was joining in a plan to punish his friends for opposing QUAY's will in the nomination of a candidate for Governor.

The story that Senator QUAY and Governor PENNYPACKER will insist on ballot reform during the present session of the Legislature may be dismissed as rubbish. Governor PENNYPACKER may honestly desire ballot reform, but when QUAY consented to allow him to appoint HAMPTON L. CARSON to the office of Attorney General, he gave him the full limit of indulgence.

Take Colonel FULLER, of Fayette county, who is to be the Secretary of Commonwealth, for example. He was one of the conspirators who two years ago tried to steal vast bodies of coal lying under the beds of the rivers of the State by legalized but palpably corrupt methods. The scheme was detected and every Democrat connected with it was retired or disgraced but not so with the Republicans. The principal figure in the conspiracy, Colonel FULLER, is forced on PENNYPACKER as the second officer in his administration.

These facts, taken in connection with the other that a day of adjournment was fixed before it was possible to estimate the amount or character of the legislation which would be needed, shows that QUAY has no intention of enacting ballot reform legislation but on the contrary intends to prevent anything of the kind. There will be a pretense maintained during the session and there will be plenty of talk of ballot reform, but that is all that it will amount to. Ballot reform serves QUAY and his party machine too well to take any chances without it and he will never consent to legislation that will impair the chances of machine success.

It might not be out of place to inform those of the local public who are discussing the accidental death of engineer William Dyke so persistently and ignorantly that the track on which those empty coke cars were standing is part of what is called the Nitany yard and all trainmen are expected to approach it expecting to find cars on the main track.

Governor Pennypacker's Views.

It was to be expected that Governor PENNYPACKER's inaugural address would treat public questions in something of an academic manner, for his habits of life naturally lead in that direction. It is true, as he asserts, that there is more legislation than is needed and likewise that the multiplication of crimes, or to speak more exactly the exaggeration of trifles into crimes is a fault. But it is not easy to discover how that fault may be corrected except by letting things alone and after repealing bad laws where it is possible, leaving to time the development of such laws as are needed to regulate the matter.

The new Governor is frank in his statement that while he is willing to confer with all persons "who have facts to impart or conclusions to present," his official ear will be open to the professional politician, rather than to the reformer. In this he reveals the secret impulse which brings himself and QUAY together. Nor do we condemn that sentiment, as some of the reformers are likely to, as inconsistent with a purpose to do right. It is true that the disposition of certain individuals to hold themselves aloof from those who participate in the political activities as men of an interior class is a vice and one of grave character, and we agree with the Governor, moreover, in his inferential statement that the politicians constitute the public life of the country and in so far as they are honest they conserve the public interests by their activity in politics.

The Governor leaves no doubt in the public mind as to his inclinations with respect to ballot legislation. He is for the machine, pure and simple, and in whatever changes are to be made in the ballot legislation of the State he would preserve those little devices of the politician to preserve control of the vote. For example, he believes in the circle at the head of the ticket as a means of promoting "straight" voting as it is understood among the "ward workers" and in that he comes into direct conflict with the political reformers in their plans to promote honest elections. Probably he misconstrues the purposes of the reformers when he states that their aim appears to be to make it difficult to vote the "straight" ticket as possible. As a matter of fact they simply want to make it easy to vote a "mixed" ticket. Whether that is a merit or not is a question upon which men may differ honestly.

In touching the important question of eminent domain, Governor PENNYPACKER talks or sounds startling doctrines. "When there is public need for the good of the community," he declares, "the State may intervene, and, giving him compensation, compel him to surrender his individual right for the general welfare." Manifestly it was precisely the same idea which influenced chairman JENKINS of the judiciary committee of the House of Representatives in Washington the other day to propose legislation looking to the seizure of the coal of the country. It is, to say the least, a dangerous notion.

Governor Stone's Administration.

If the public prints correctly represent the consensus of opinion the retirement of Governor STONE from the public life of the Commonwealth leaves him in a rather pitiable situation. His administration has not only been a disappointment, but it has actually proved a detriment to the State. He violated the constitution, perverted his authority and used the opportunities which his office gave him to benefit the people for selfish interests. It was not that he was unable to discriminate between right and wrong. He knew the right, but adopted the wrong. He hadn't the moral courage to follow the dictates of his conscience.

Governor STONE came to the office with a tainted title but his record in Congress was so admirable that he might have made the people forget. But he began his administration wrong. He was completely under the influence of QUAY and under the direction of that Mephistopheles of politics he put the patronage of the office in the market as collateral for QUAY's use in buying votes for Senator. It was QUAY who put ELKIN and DURHAM on him. It was QUAY who compelled him to violate the constitution by vetoing resolutions proposing constitutional amendments and, finally, QUAY compelled him to make the senatorial appointment in the face of every consideration of right.

If in his crucial moment QUAY had sustained him his administration would have gone down in history as a failure, but not as absurd. Under existing conditions it is that and even worse. Nobody believes that STONE wanted to do right, for everybody knows that he might have done that. But as a matter of fact if he had been left to himself STONE would have made a good Governor and might not have fallen far short of a great Chief Magistrate. But the malign influence of QUAYISM wrecked him completely, as it is likely to destroy PENNYPACKER, and in his ignominious isolation there is no one to sympathize with him.

Loot or Reform.

The promise of a reform Legislature was soon broken. That is to say before the echo of the statement that the present Legislature would countenance none of the profligacies which made the last session odious had ceased to sound profligacies of the present session began to reveal themselves. For example, during the brief session of the Senate on Monday afternoon two resolutions introduced by Senator GRADY, of Philadelphia, appropriating money were adopted without a dissenting voice, one of which is monumental in its impudence. It provides for the appointment of committee clerks and additional door-keepers at six dollars a day each. There is no number specified. The passage of the resolution conveys an unlimited license to loot.

The other resolution was less objectionable though it equally expressed the spirit of profligacy. Before the adjournment a resolution was adopted by both Houses appropriating \$7,000 to defray the expenses of the inaugural ceremonies. That was all right for the reason that the traditions of the State requires some display on the occasion of the inauguration of a Governor. But \$7,000 is the usual amount and as PENNYPACKER is a plain citizen, who loves his books and thumbs his pamphlets unobtrusively, it was enough under all circumstances. A rake-off was needed, however, and Senator GRADY introduced a resolution increasing the appropriation to \$9,000 and it was passed quicker than you could say "ecat."

The lesson of these incidents is that there has been no change in "the nature of the beast." In other words the present Legislature is going to be as odious in every respect as the last. There may be no "ripper" bills but it will be for the reason that there are no governments to rip and if there are no franchise grabs it will be because the work in that line was completed during the last session. But the period during which the present Legislature sits will be a carnival of loot unless PENNYPACKER or QUAY calls a halt. Whether this happens or not depends on QUAY's future plans. If he is satisfied and willing to take himself and his family out of politics he will let the looters loot to their heart's content. But if he wants to be re-elected himself or send "DICK" in his place, there will be a halt in the booting.

The Y. M. C. A. Anniversary.

It is a wonder that Bellefonte has a Young Men's Christian Association at all. So many of our young people stand aloof and leave all of the work and support of the organization for so few that they would have become discouraged and dropped it long ere this were the need not so great and the results so encouraging.

There is no christian organization that fills the field of the Association and while it is admitted that hospitals and monuments and gymnasiums are needed for the public good it would be far too great a sacrifice to build them entirely at the expense of the institution that is striving so valiantly to make for the better of the coming men of our town.

Next Sunday evening the Bellefonte Association will celebrate the thirty-third anniversary of its organization. A fine program has been arranged and the Methodist church, in which the services are to be held, should be crowded with an enthusiastic, helpful audience. The principal address will be delivered by Mr. G. N. BIERCE, of Dayton, Ohio, one of the most prominent Association workers in that State. There will be others and a special music program, to add to the profit of the service, but the statement to be made by the treasurer is the thing in which every good citizen of Bellefonte should be most interested. It will show that on Jan. 1st, 1903, there was a deficit of \$518.65, which pledges unpaid at that time increased to \$1,000.12. Looking at the matter in a purely business way Bellefonte could not make a better investment than by wiping out these obligations entirely and placing the Association on its feet at this anniversary meeting.

The good it does is incalculable. But it always has seemed strange that Bellefonte has been so tardy to discover it; especially when it is known that the great Pennsylvania Rail-road corporation considers work it does in support of the railroad Association as the best paying investment it has.

The long communication from L. C. REERICK, which appears in another column of this issue, is interesting because of the side lights it throws upon the much talked of typhoid fever cases in Bellefonte. Some of the statements are almost startling in their revelations; especially as to the manner, in which the State Board of Health pushed the price of its work up on him and then neglected responding to his call for a man. It seems that if more of the State's appropriation of \$6,000 per annum to that department were cut out of the salary of the Secretary and his type writing and office expenses and put to the needs of the people the State Board would be of more service.

Trying to Shift the Responsibility.

The Republicans are not expecting much but that which is bad from the incoming Pennsylvania Legislature and their organs are already placing the responsibility for the anticipated wrong-doing upon the Democratic minority. It is bad enough to accuse the innocent of crime after it has been committed by some one else, but to anticipate crime and charge it to those who are powerless to commit it if they would, and are known to have no inclination to commit it if they could, is itself a crime. The Republicans of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, like those of the Republican Congress of the United States, cannot shirk the responsibility that is upon them and it is cowardly to try to do so. It is characteristic of them, however, and they are not likely to change their spots.

Concatenation of Official Idleness is Good.

As might have been anticipated, the Good Roads bill has been introduced by Senator SPROUL with the accompaniment of a new Board of Commissioners, when in fact a complete official outfit for this purpose already exists in the Department of Internal Affairs. If this Department have any reason of existence at all it is for such purposes as the administration of an internal road system. This would give the endless concatenation of official idleness in the Department some means of serving the Commonwealth. But then it would take away the pretext for creating a new state board for the use of the machine.

How'd You Like to be the School Chum?

J. N. Lichty, one of the humblest citizens of the city of Creston, Iowa, who was a chum and neighbor of president Baer, of the Reading railway, during his school days, wrote to him, reminding him of their school days, and saying there was no coal to be had in the town. Mr. Lichty on Friday received a letter from the coal magnate saying that three cars of coal would be rushed to Creston by fast freight, and that Lichty was to have what he wanted by paying the freight. If Mr. Baer can do that much for an old school chum out in Iowa, why can't he do just a little bit to relieve his poor and distressed neighbors?

No Good, Anyhow.

The death of our salaried, slave-holding sultan of Sulu, or Jolo, is accompanied by semi-official statements to the effect that he was of no account anyway, and that plans for buying him out or otherwise disposing with his services had been under consideration. It would, therefore, seem that he is to have no successor as far as the three thousand dollar salary and our recognition of his temporal power; but one of his sons must, nevertheless, succeed to both temporal and spiritual headship of all these Mohammedans, and a good deal will depend upon the character of the youth who may be recognized by them as holding that hereditary right.

Sauce for the Goose Should be Sauce for the Gander.

British shoppers have for a long time been complaining vigorously of the British steamship "combine," and it was proved before a parliamentary committee that money could be saved by shipping goods to Belgium and Germany and then reshipping them to South Africa and other points because of the British "combine." But now the "combine," or what is left of it, is vigorously denouncing the International Mercantile Marine Company, calling it an American affair and asserting that it carries freight at "less than cost." If it does do so the British shoppers ought to be thankful.

Not Popular With Rabbit Hunters.

The big coast defense gun tested at the Sandy Hook proving grounds last week seems to have been a distinct success. It is the most powerful gun ever built in America, requiring 640 pounds of smokeless powder for a charge, being capable of hitting an object at five miles, requiring twelve years to build, and costing \$100,000. The Army people, however, say this is of very little practical use, comparatively, and as it is not likely to be in favor with rabbit hunters, there are doubts whether any more of this size will be constructed.

But the Average Man Would Rather be the Millionaire.

Bret Harte, poet and short story writer, left an estate the total value of which was \$1,800. But Bret Harte will be remembered long after many a millionaire has been forgotten.

Senators Elected.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 21.—In joint session the Illinois general assembly today elected A. J. Hopkins to the United States Senate.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 21.—The two Houses of the Legislature in joint session today confirmed the election of Reed Smoot to the United States Senate.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 21.—United States Senator Charles W. Fairbanks was formally re-elected today in joint session of the Legislature.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 21.—The election of A. B. Kittridge to the United States Senate was confirmed today.

TILLMAN'S case is up to the hangman now and we trust that for the good of society the hangman of South Carolina will prove equal to the emergency this time.

Spawns from the Keystone.

James Henry, of Jersey Shore, while working on a bridge at Knoxville, Tioga county, fell off the structure. His leg and arm were broken and he was otherwise injured. He was brought to his home.

About twenty-five dead hogs were taken from a New York Central freight car at Newberry Tuesday and were sent to a soap factory. The hogs were crowded with others in a car and had been smothered. They were being shipped to Philadelphia.

For enticing a 17-year-old girl from North Bend one day last week, Jas. Verrier was arrested in Williamsport and at a hearing Monday was held for court in default of \$300. The testimony at the hearing was highly sensational, as the letters which the man wrote to the girl were read.

The county commissioners have decided to construct the bridge in Lamar township, Clinton county, near Rev. Samuel Creighton's farm. The township will construct the abutments and the commissioners will purchase the iron for the superstructure. The bridge will be one span, eighty feet long.

John A. Montgomery, a Williamsport inventor, claims to have solved the secret of making water burn, says the Gazette and Bulletin. The inventor has been working off and on for 35 years to construct an apparatus for separating the two component elements of water and condensing them in the form of combustible gas.

The Jersey Shore trolley line is nearly completed and it will be but a short time until the street cars will be running. The large engine and fly wheel for the power house of the Jersey Shore electric road is being unloaded at the Beech Creek station, and will soon be in place in the spacious building now being erected for it.

Hiram E. Pursley, aged 23 years, was found dying in the cellar of his furniture store at Lock Haven Friday. His father went to the store and found a note on his son's desk, which read: "You will find me in the cellar." The young man was found unconscious with a bullet wound in his head. He died in an hour. The young man had been in ill-health for some time.

Irving French, who was, with his company, to play in the Philipsburg opera house, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, was killed at Jeannette Tuesday forenoon. While attempting to board one train he was struck by another and instantly killed. The town was already billed for Mr. French's plays and it will bring a feeling of sadness to all to know that the principal actor has passed so swiftly from time to eternity.

By a recent transaction Frank K. Matern has become a member of the wholesale grocery firm of J. S. Gillam & Co., who have for a number of years conducted a most successful business in Tyrone. Mr. Matern will locate in Tyrone and become active in the conduct of the business of the establishment, not soon as he can arrange his business affairs at Warriorsmark so as to admit of the change.

The Maxwell hotel at Smoke Run was totally destroyed by fire Sunday evening between six and seven o'clock. The fire caught from a defective flue and before discovered had made such headway as to make it impossible to save the property. High winds were prevailing at the time, and the weather being very cold also, the "bucket brigade" could render very little effective service. Part of the contents were saved, but the loss will nevertheless be quite heavy. The hotel was conducted by Joseph Maxwell, who has been running the same for about six years. The building was owned by Pidgeon & Stewart, of Houtzdale.

The nail works plant of the American Wire and Nail company, at Duncansville is marked for demolition. Joseph G. Vandervil, of Worcester, Mass. has been awarded the contract for razing the buildings to the ground and destroying every vestige of the manufacturing plant. The plant was finished by the Portage iron company about ten years ago at an outlay of about \$40,000, and was operated for a short time in competition with the trust. After the works were purchased by the American Wire and Nail company the operations ceased and the machinery was removed to the Pittsburg mills owned by the same company.

Capitalists representing the Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad are desirous of securing the Perry county railroad, according to a holder of a considerable block of stock in the latter road. He said recently that the Broad Top representatives have offered to take 60 per cent. of the Perry county stock at \$5 a share, but that 60 per cent or none would be taken. The object is to connect the Perry county road with the Huntingdon and Broad Top by a new line through Liberty Valley terminating at Loyville. The Perry county stock is paid up to its par value, \$50, but the road has been making only expenses since its opening and many of the stockholders will be ready to let go their holdings at the price offered.

The coal famine struck Altoona Friday and froze out the city officers. The dealer who has the contract for supplying city hall with coal had not a pound in stock, and when the supply at the city hall building ran out Friday morning there was nothing to do but allow the fires to go out in the boilers, and the offices got cold. The city officials stood it as long as possible, then started on a hunt for warmer places. A rather strange feature of the affair is that Mayor Hoyer, who is a coal operator was one of the few men in the city who had coal for sale in limited quantities, but was debarred from furnishing the city any because of the law. There is coal at the city building now, however, and the proper temperature again prevails.

A somewhat novel marriage ceremony was performed in the Westmoreland county jail on last Friday afternoon, the contracting parties being Nettie Hickman and David Taswell, of Jeannette. Taswell was recently arrested for a minor offence and committed to jail. Since his incarceration his fiancée has been visiting in her devotion and constancy. Every day she visited the jail and brought delicacies. But the separation was telling on both. They determined to get married and trust to fate to set things right. Friday the girl went to Greensburg, secured a license, and the couple were married by Squire Henderson in the jail office. As it was nearly train time the groom had not time to properly attire for the occasion. He was married in his stocking feet and shirt sleeves. Mrs. Taswell paid the marriage fee.