

Ink Slings.

When you're running for an office And a hustler round for votes...

Mr. DOBLIN seems to be an artist as a liar, but there are others. —1903 seems determined to outdo her predecessor in rail-road horrors.

—The campaign for local offices is progressing so rapidly in Bellefonte that the average man computes to grin as soon as a candidate approaches him.

—When the war in Venezuela, the coal stringency, Congress and the Legislature at Harrisburg are things of the past we'll all have to fall back on the weather as the old reliable topic of conversation.

—The independence of America might have been secured by the efforts of farmers but the returns of last fall don't indicate that the Governorship of Mr. PENNYPACKER was secured through the same agency.

Democratic Watchman

They Owe an Explanation.

Those so-called reformers of Philadelphia who have so hastily abandoned their professed purpose of improving the political morals of that city in order to give their support to district attorney JOHN WEAVER for mayor owe some sort of an explanation to the public.

They couldn't find a reputable lawyer at the bar who would take their nomination for the reason that it clearly implied a complicity in a nefarious conspiracy to punish a man for doing his duty.

By the skillful operation of ballot box stuffing, false counting and various other forms of ballot frauds, Mr. WEAVER was declared elected by a comparatively meager majority. He entered upon his duties a year ago the first of this month.

Senator QUAY is having the time of his life in Washington according to the newspaper reports of the proceedings of Congress. He is impatient to get his omnibus statehood bill through, it appears, but makes no headway.

against their admission then, however. He imagined at that time that they would elect Democrats to the United States Senate and they probably would during CLEVELAND's administration when the territorial officers were Democrats.

The Lee Monument. Colonel A. K. McCLURE made a very interesting address in the hall of the House of Representatives in Harrisburg on Tuesday evening in behalf of his own bill introduced by Colonel THOMAS VALENTINE COOPER providing for the appropriation of \$20,000 to pay half the expenses of a monument on the Gettysburg battlefield.

Whatever good might be achieved in the way of marking the positions and lines of the two great and heroic armies which were in blood contention on that pivotal field of the Civil war, it is certain that the proposition of Colonel McCLURE fulfilled would contribute to the elimination of any remnants of bitterness between the North and South which may still exist.

But it may be predicted that Colonel McCLURE has over estimated the magnanimity of the average Republican legislator of Pennsylvania. A few veterans of the war like Colonel COOPER who bear on their bodies the scars of rebel bullets fired in many encounters each striving for what he believed to be right, may forget the enemies of a past generation, but the small spirits which fill the hearts of narrow vermin like Representative CHAMPAIGN who tried to prevent Colonel McCLURE from being heard will never be reconciled to a magnanimous movement and, unhappily, they are in the majority in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Fix the Courts at Harrisburg. The resignation of Judge PORTER from the Superior court bench is less to be regretted now than it had occurred a month ago, for the reason that it may be assumed that Governor PENNYPACKER's regard for the integrity of the judiciary will guarantee a fit successor.

Judge PORTER states, in commenting on his resignation, that the duties of the office were agreeable to him but that he was constrained to resign because he couldn't endure the labor and trouble of the movements of the court from one seat to another.

The truth is that there is as much reason for the seat of the judicial branch of the government being at the capital of the State as there is for executive and legislative branches being there.

Absurd Praise of Hay.

Some time ago negotiations were opened with the government of Columbia for the right of way to construct an Isthmian canal on the route of the practically abandoned Panama canal.

To the first proposition the Government of Columbia demanded a bonus of \$10,000,000 and an annual payment of a quarter of a million with a few other things such as a guarantee of its own sovereignty over the territory covered, a zone of six miles wide across the country, and Secretary HAY pronounced the demand as absurdly and outrageously high.

We have no particular fault to find with the treaty. In view of the recent incidents in the neighborhood of Venezuela we need the waterway and it is cheap at any price or may be if Emperor WILLIAM gets too gay.

—If the parrot is to be out of "Cousin SAM" what more will be left than those ancestral boots?

A Matter of Monuments.

The proposition expressed in a bill introduced in the House of Representatives in Harrisburg by Democratic State chairman HARRIS, on Friday morning, and in the Senate by Democratic Senator HERBST, on Monday evening, to erect a monument at an expense of \$150,000 in the capital park at Harrisburg, to the memory of the heroism, valor and patriotism of the Pennsylvania soldiers who participated in the Civil war, deserves the gravest consideration.

This year appears to be an era of monuments, however. Under circumstances which indicate orders from the machine manager a bill has been introduced appropriating a considerable sum of money for the construction of a monument in which to commemorate the services of the late SIMON CAMERON.

To our mind it would be infinitely better to spend the amount designated in the bill of Representative CRESSY and Senator HERBST, or even twice that sum, in erecting a memorial to the courage and patriotism of the soldiers who offered their lives for the preservation of the country than to give one-hundredth part of it to the erection of a monument to SIMON CAMERON.

As Others See Him.

From the New York Post.

If any one had a lingering hope that Governor PENNYPACKER might yet indicate some desire to better political conditions in Pennsylvania, it must now have received its death blow.

Our Mothers.

From the Altoona Tribune.

While it is true, as a valued contemporary suggests, that the mothers have not received as much honor from the pen of the fiction writers as they deserve, yet the fact remains that the mothers have been far more influential in shaping character and moulding destiny than the fathers.

Great Scott! Has the Record forgotten the plum tree? The surplus must and shall be preserved in order that there may be plums to shake in the shape of deposit at one and a-half and two per cent.

It Would Work a Reduction of Court Expenses.

From the Philadelphia Record. That is a good bill of State Senator FOX for arresting the industrious zeal of committing magistrates and aldermen in sending petty cases to court for the sake of accumulating fees.

Seems to Be Acquainted With Them.

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Mont Pelee's Cone Blows Off.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—A report from Jersey Shore is to the effect that hereafter all southbound coal trains going over the Beech Creek road will go to Newberry over the Pennsylvania road instead of going into Oak Grove and going down over the New York Central as heretofore.

—Clarence Edward Smeal, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smeal, of Coalport, choked to death recently. The family were at dinner and the baby had just taken a drink of water when it began gasping for breath and before the doctor could reach the house it was dead.

—The tunnel built by the Pennsylvania Railroad company on the middle division, 2 miles east of Altoona, has been completed. Monday the tracks were connected and trains went through. The tunnel, one mile long, was built for the purpose of eliminating a curve.

—At Milton Friday, Mrs. Margaret A. Porter, widow of Rev. J. Frank Porter, leaped too far over the balcony of the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. H. Barr, and fell to the brick walk. She was picked up unconscious, and expired in a short time. She was nearly 69 years old.

—The 3 year old son of August Nelson, of North Braddock, died Monday, making six children of Nelson's who have died within 14 months, all from pneumonia, the last two within the past week. A seventh and the only remaining child of the family is ill with the same disease.

—Mrs. Ellen Ramsey, of Williamsport, died of consumption Monday morning. Sixteen years ago her husband was murdered in the coal regions, leaving her with seven children, the youngest twins three weeks old. Within the last two years five children have died of consumption.

—The body of Carlos Reshau, the six-year-old child of Francis Reshau, of Latrobe, who was drowned Tuesday afternoon of last week, was not recovered until late Thursday afternoon. The little cold hands still tightly clasped the sides of the sled on which he had coasted to his death.

—A stuffed calf's hide owned by William Fisher, of Mt. Union, is quite a curiosity. Some time ago the calf was born at Johnstown but died in three weeks, and the skin was stuffed in Buffalo. It is made up of one head, two eyes, three ears, two bodies, two tails and eight legs.

—A dispatch from Coudersport says that Representative MOORE is using his influence to have a state fish hatchery located in Potter county. He has been assured of considerable support. A natural park with water courses at Seven Bridges, is contemplated as a site. It is the centre of a good fishing country.

—Henry McDowell, a colored dyer of Williamsport, during one of the recent cold nights bathed his legs in gasoline to relieve rheumatism. While sitting near the fire, there was a sudden flash and his legs were ablaze. Before the flames could be extinguished, both legs from the knees down were badly burned.

—A bill introduced in the house at Harrisburg Wednesday prohibits the shooting of pigeons released from traps. The bill is aimed at the practice of shooting clubs in using live birds as targets, and provides a penalty upon conviction of twenty five dollars or imprisonment for thirty days, or both at the discretion of the court.

—The Methodists of Clearfield are going to build a new church just as soon as the weather permits the tearing down of their present structure. Architect Weaver, of Harrisburg, will have supervision of the work and the new church will be of stone with a tower 100 feet high. The total cost of the building is estimated at \$50,000.

—Professor N. W. H. Schafer, of Shannockin, took a hot brick to bed with him last Monday night, and was nearly burned to death. The brick set fire to the bedding, but fortunately the Professor got awake in time to prevent serious consequences to either himself or the house, although four quilts and a blanket were put out of service.

—The Oak Grove town association is arranging to build 50 houses in that place in the spring, the work to be started as early as the weather will permit. Stone for the foundations of the new buildings are being hauled now while the sleighing is good. It is stated that several hundred new houses will be put up at Oak Grove the coming summer.

—Mrs. Rachel Brode, of Altoona, and her nephew, Berry Dodson, were convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the Blair county court on Saturday. While Mrs. Brode was holding a masquerade party at her home a party of boys congregated outside. A quarrel ensued between the masqueraders and the boys, and in the melee a boy named Ambrose Gehl was shot and killed.

—Thirteen men were being taken to their work in the recesses of the Bellevue mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Co. on an electric engine Tuesday morning. They had a keg of powder with them. A spark from the naked lamp of one of the men set off the powder and a terrific explosion followed, blowing the men in all directions. William Hughes was terribly burned about the face, hands and feet and will die; Walter J. Needham, John Mangan and Edward Miller were also badly injured, but will recover.

—It is estimated that a half a hundred people in Clinton, Cameron and Potter counties are making from \$4 to \$9 a day gathering rattlesnake oil and ginseng root. The two vocations can readily be followed at the same time—indeed, it is a noticeable fact that where ginseng grows there one invariably finds rattlesnakes. Ginseng root sells for from \$3 to \$5 a pound, according to size and quality, and with rattlesnake oil a remarkable article at the rate of \$2 an ounce, the outlook for the "bushcrackers" this season is exceptionally cheerful. A Mrs. Norman, of the vicinity of Keating, in one day last summer killed seven rattlesnakes, from which she obtained eleven ounces of fat. This amount at \$2 an ounce, made her a pretty good day's wages.