

The two minute trotter has come at last. Everything is getting faster except the Shamrocks.

About the only way Sir THOMAS can ever win is to have a Shamrock IV built in this country.

Remember that September 2nd will be the last day for registering voters and not September 4th.

Poor little Hiawattia! She promises to become as much of a nuisance as that Georgia Camp Meeting once was.

The average walking delegate seems to be about as crooked as some of the employees of the Post-office Department.

The trouble with Mr. ZIMMERMAN, of Ohio, is that there was too much JOHNSON for him at Columbus on Wednesday.

The 'special session of Congress that was to have been called has evidently gone to hunt that post-office investigation that was promised.

Summer arrived on Sunday, but the weather man wakened up Wednesday night to discover it was too late, and straightway turned off the heat.

Since QUAY has said Pennsylvania will be for ROOSEVELT that little matter is settled without much worry to the subservient Republicans of the State.

The question now arises. Will PULTZER's two million dollar school of journalism propound the World style of journalism or aim at something higher?

Down in Arkansas one candidate for Governor knocked the other off a four foot stand on which they were jointly speaking up to the time when actions spoke louder than words.

Now is the time to get everything in shape for next year. Make the organization as complete and efficient as possible, for there is work to be done, work that everyone should be interested in.

Senator QUAY's announcement that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the Senate would be much more satisfactory if he would only say how much his successor will be expected to pay for his seat.

With the Turks killing scores of Christians all through Macedonia and the Turkish cigarettes killing scores who ought to be Christians right here in our own country, isn't it about time the Turks be put out of the killing business.

Mrs. MARY HENDERSON, who died at Franklin on Monday, was ninety-one years old and had smoked all her life. Here is another stumbling block for the anti-tobacco league and another proof that hitting the pipe isn't as bad as it is said to be.

Socialism as a dream of a government that supplies every need of its subjects is as harmless as a sunbeam, but socialism as a cloak for anarchy to hide its destructive principles under is entirely too dangerous to be given even a moment's consideration.

The mimic war that is being carried on off the coast of Maine would be far more like the real thing if the Secretary of the Navy would jump in and pay a fabulous price for all the old unseaworthy tubs he can find tied up in the various Atlantic ports.

Col. EDWARD PRUNER is pushing his candidacy for Senator from the Blair district right along. At a picnic on Saturday he made a speech that is reported as a 'rouser,' but whether it will rouse enough voters to secure the nomination for the Colonel remains to be seen.

President ROOSEVELT has given union labor its bumps through the stand he has taken in the government printing office. It is said that Wall street advised him to do it on the ground that they won't furnish any campaign funds for him unless he takes a stand against union labor.

The Sultan has made some more promises of reform in Macedonia. The appearance of some Russian boats in Turkish waters started the Prince of Promisers to telling what he would do, if they would only give him one more chance, and now he will start right out to do the same old thing again.

Few bridegrooms have the spectacular receptions that was accorded R. A. BECK and his wife last night. With a band and two fire companies to escort them to their home amid the glare of red lights even the eyes of that notorious loving chap at Oyster Bay might have turned a shade of green had he been standing on Bellefonte streets to witness it.

The Johnstown Tribune, in discussing the boodle features of politics, remarks "For, if there's nothing in it, what's the use of being a Democrat?" Are we to infer from this daring declaration that the Tribune is Republican for what is in it? It is hard to arrive at any other conclusion and harder to believe that any legitimate newspaper would have temerity to make such a confession.

To set at ease the mind of some æsthetic person who craves a more refined past-time than foot ball, base ball, tennis, croquet, polo or golf the Harrisburg Patriot suggests archery. The suggestion is all right, but it can hardly be regarded as being needed since archery has been a decidedly important feature in all of the sports mentioned, ever since they have been sports. In fact were it not for the opportunities given for romance by little Dan Cupid and his bow gun there would be very few past-times of any sort to enjoy.

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Spectacularism in Public Life.

Ex-Senator HILL, of New York, has greatly incensed the ROOSEVELT maniacs of the country. In a speech before the pioneers of Western New York the Senator referred to what he appropriately designated as the "spectacularism" of the present public life of the country.

As we have said, no mention was made of ROOSEVELT and there was no direct allusion to the President. But every reasoning man and woman in the broad land knew to whom allusion was made.

The facts are that what Senator HILL has said is scurrilously true. Since the accidental elevation of that clown to the Presidency the country has been scandalized by a series of performances which in an ordinary citizen would be followed by an application in court for a commission to inquire into the sanity of the man concerned.

Keeping the People Poor.

The war game is still going on along the New England coast at vast expense to the people and to the intense satisfaction of our War Lord on Sagamore hill. That is to say twenty or thirty of our war ships are pretending to make an attack on the land defenses of the coast at some point and the amusement is costing the people something like twenty or thirty thousand dollars a day.

As long as the people are paying a hundred millions or so more in revenues than are required for the maintenance of the government, and a billion or so extra every year in exorbitant prices for necessities of life through the operations of the tariff taxes, the people of the country will be too poor to resist any outrage.

The policy of the present administration in Washington is precisely that of the French King who paid the penalty of his folly with his head. In other words the plan of the President is to impoverish the people as to make them docile for want of strength to be otherwise.

A Correction.

Last week the WATCHMAN stated that September 4th would be the last day on which voters can be registered. The statement was based on the old interpretation that made the registering of voters possible up to within sixty days of the election, but according to a different ruling of the courts September 2nd will be the last day.

Remember this day and don't put the matter off. You must be registered if you want to vote and while it is presumed that the assessor has you on his list it is better for you to look after the matter personally and see that you are registered.

The Real Issue of the Campaign.

Any attempt to eliminate the press muzzler from the pending political contest is a movement in the interest of the QUAY machine. The most unpopular piece of legislation enacted in recent years is that iniquity. The reason of its unpopularity is that it is subversive of every principle of personal liberty and individual right.

Those who would ignore the press muzzler as an issue in the contest in which a Senator who voted for the measure is a candidate for the chief office, say that the measure is a dead letter and in fact appointed its authors. That is true but it is not for the reason that its authors have changed their opinions or altered their purposes.

As it is the press muzzler represents nothing but the malice of a condemned political machine. But it represents that in every line and to the full measure. If it is condoned by silence in the campaign and endorsed by the election of State Senator WM. P. SNYDER it will no longer be a dead letter. Then it will be enforced and every criticism of official venality will be punished by the application of the provisions of that law.

Let others dispute about the date that registration should legally close as much as they please. Go and get registered at once and be sure you are on the safe side.

Root and Miles.

In accepting the resignation of Secretary of War ROOT, the President shows a different temper than that which influenced him in retiring General MILES from command of the army. ROOT had served ROOSEVELT with the zeal and fidelity with which Cardinal WOOLSELEY had served his King. MILES had served his country with an ability and energy which has rarely been revealed in the public life of any country.

In dismissing ROOT it was different. "It is hard, indeed, for me to accept your resignation," he wrote with a sob in each sentence. "I do it," he added, "not only with keen personal regret, but with a lively understanding of the gap which your withdrawal will create in public life. My sense of personal loss is very great; and yet my sense of loss to the Nation as a whole is even greater."

The people of this country have just reason to be grateful because ELIHU ROOT is leaving the public service. Every day that he sat in the office of Secretary of War he stood a menace to the liberties of the people. He created discontent and built up a personal machine to take the place of the army. He advanced favorites for no other reason than that they were subservient to his whims and those of the President and humiliated faithful soldiers and grizzled veterans because they failed to show obedience not to the constitution and the laws but to ROOT and his clownish master.

Young men who voted on age last year must be registered if they want to vote next fall. Wednesday, September 2nd, is the last day on which you can register.

Labor day means that you are to take a day off and come in to town to see the Eagles flying round.

Don't forget that next Wednesday will be the last day on which you can be registered.

Senator Depew's Idea.

Senator CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW, of New York, returned from Europe on Monday and as usual began talking politics the moment he landed. Every newspaper in the city had been notified of his coming and of course each one had a reporter at the pier to meet him and he chattered to them with characteristic energy and enthusiasm.

Let us review the record of the handling of the postal scandal by President ROOSEVELT. On his return from the West he found the Department in confusion and demoralization. The wife of the solicitor general for the Department had invaded the office from which her husband had been suspended and abstracted from the same every scrap of evidence of his complicity in the looting operations.

How did he keep that promise. Immediately afterward he ordered that investigations be made in secret and for a couple of weeks there was a great pretense of energy in the search for frauds. But at the expiration of that time he left Washington for Oyster Bay without bringing a single rascal to justice.

Supersensitive.

In a recent issue of the WATCHMAN the following paragraph appeared: Since the post office system has been reorganized it would be very convenient if postmaster Montgomery would correct the collection cards on the mail boxes.

The next day the Daily News published what we presume to be an answer to it as follows:

Postmaster Montgomery wishes us to state that the time mentioned on the collection cards on the mail boxes is correct. There was one exception, that of the box in front of the Waresman office. Where it says 1:40 p. m. for the after dinner collection it should read 1:20. This is due to the fact that the time of leaving for the Lewisburg passenger train has been changed from 2:15 to 2:00 p. m. A small piece of paper with 1:20 written on it has been pasted over the 1:40 thus making the correction.

After reading the four line paragraph and then the silly reply the sensible reader can come to only one of two conclusions: Either the postmaster Montgomery is supersensitive or the News is a fool.

The WATCHMAN had no intention whatever of "slurring" the "pains-taking official" and we fancy that even the News might have found its magnificent command of English taxed just a trifle to have more politely called the attention of the postmaster to a matter that needed it.

Since the post-office was moved up town there has been an evening collection of mail made from the boxes in the business district down-town, just as was the up town collection when the office was in the old quarters. This collection is made at 7 o'clock p. m. and as the last hour of collection stated on the card on the box was 4 o'clock it will be readily seen that there was considerable confusion as to when a letter could really be dropped in order to catch the evening mails, out-going.

If calling the attention of such a discrepancy, in the politest language possible, can be construed into a slur by the postmaster all we can say is that he is supersensitive and we have no apologies to offer. If the News flew to his defense without inspiration, which we would prefer to have been the case, the incident may be regarded as closed, as it is only the News.

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The Ballot We Vote This Fall.

The samples of the new ballot which goes into use for the first time at the coming election show it to be still far from perfect, yet a vast improvement over the old form. In the first place it is smaller and, therefore, more convenient than the large sheet formerly used, while we get a step nearer to the real Australian ballot by the abandonment of the party columns and substituting therefor the names of candidates in groups under the title of the offices for which they have nominated. No candidate's name is printed more than once no matter by how many parties he may be nominated.

The ballot reformers desired one system of marking, justly contending that there was but one way the chance of blundering would be reduced to a minimum; but the Legislature refused to carry the reform to that extent, and yielded to the demand of those who insisted that there should be provisions by which a straight ticket of any party could be voted by a single mark. In the old ballot this was done by making a cross in the circle at the top of the party column; in the new ballot it is provided for in the column of party names down the left side of the sheet.

And This from a Republican Paper.

The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic pays a just tribute to the fair play of the late General Miles in the resolution concerning his brilliant and long continued services in the army of his country. The Tribune concedes that General Miles made some mistakes, but all the mistakes of his official life put together would be far from equaling the great blunder of President Roosevelt in permitting the shameful temper of his Secretary of War to lead to the court retirement of Miles, without a word in acknowledgment of his splendid services. It did not hurt Miles, but it did hurt the President and it demonstrated that the Secretary of War, in spite of his very considerable merits, is not a good adviser.

The Reliance Wins the First and Second Races.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—In absolutely perfect yachting weather and nothing to mar the fairness of the trial, the Reliance on Saturday beat Shamrock III by seven minutes and three seconds, corrected time, over a thirty mile course, fifteen miles to windward and return. The American yacht gained three minutes and twenty seconds on the Briton on the beat to the turning mark, and then, in one of the prettiest runs home before the wind ever witnessed, gained an additional five minutes and thirty-nine seconds. In actual sailing, boat for boat, Reliance beat Shamrock nine minutes in the thirty miles, and demonstrated even to the doubting ones that she is the better all around boat and is able to hold the cup.

It was a glorious fifty-second anniversary of the victory of the old America in the first race for the now celebrated cup. Bright sunshine, a steady smooth sea greeted the cup racers and the great fleet of excursion boats that met at the old red Sandy Hook lightship at 11 Saturday morning. But the wind was from the southwest, and that necessitated a shift in the starting place to a point some distance out to sea, in order to be able to lay the course into the wind and not endanger the yachts by sending them into shoal water.

This change delayed the start of the race forty-five minutes, but that proved no hardship to the excursionists, for the race, once started, was soon over. The thirty mile course was covered by the American sloop in three hours, thirty-two minutes and seventeen seconds, which has been but once beaten in a windward and leeward cup race. That one time was in October, 1893, when Vigilant beat Valkyrie II in three hours, twenty-four minutes and thirty-nine seconds in a fifty mile to windward and back course from the Scotland lightship. But that match was sailed in a gale of wind, whereas yesterday twelve knots was the strongest, and it often softened to eight knots an hour.

Reliance Took Second Race!

NEW YORK, August 25.—In a glorious whole-sail breeze, over a triangular course, ten miles to a leg, the fleet footed cup defender Reliance again to-day showed her heels to Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, taking the second race of the cup series of 1903 by the narrow margin of one minute and nineteen seconds. It was as pretty and hard a fought contest as has ever been sailed off Sandy Hook and had the wind not fallen during the last ten minutes, the record for the course, three hours, twelve minutes and fifteen seconds, made by Columbia two years ago in her memorable race against Shamrock II would have been broken. As it was Reliance sailed the thirty miles in two minutes and thirty-nine seconds of the record, which speaks wonders for her speed in the wind that was blowing. Reliance's victory, narrow as it was, would have been even smaller had not Captain Wingo, the skipper of the British ship, bungled the start, sending his craft over the line nineteen seconds after the last gun and handicapping her to that extent. At every point of sailing the defender's superiority was demonstrated. She gained one minute and forty-one seconds in windward work, fifty seconds on the race against Shamrock II, and forty-five seconds on the close reach for home.

Spawls from the Keystone.

A Cambria county farmer declares that the country's potato and wheat crops are far above the average this year.

The Thirtieth Pennsylvania Veteran Cavalry association will hold its annual reunion at Jersey Shore on Thursday, September 17th, 1903.

Adam Schaefer, of Williamsport, inventor and patentee of an eyeless and wireless umbrella, which he has been making for some time, has just equipped a new factory and will manufacture on a larger scale.

Helen M. Young, aged six and a half years, daughter of groceryman T. J. Young, of Altoona, was badly burned Friday that she died Saturday night. The child was playing with matches and her clothing took fire.

Miss Esther Murphy, of Chester Hill, the victim of the shooting affray at the Allegheny house, Clearfield, a week ago last Sunday, has so far recovered as to be able to leave the hospital. She is again at the Allegheny house and recovering rapidly.

Early Thursday morning last a dog knocked a lantern over in the barn of Frank Mirely, near Cassville, Huntingdon county, and the barn, with all its contents, except the stock and some machinery, went up in smoke.

William Silas Shaffer, brakeman on the Tangascootac railroad, several days ago distinguished himself by killing two large rattlesnakes with one stone. As a testimonial of the unusual feat his friends now refer to Mr. Shaffer as "Rattle snake Bill."

Sherman Freeman, of Mammoth, met a tragic death while hauling pit posts Friday afternoon. He was on top of the load when the wheel of the wagon dropped into a rut. He was thrown from the wagon falling under the wheels which ran over him, crushing his head. He died soon afterward. The dead man was 34 years old.

A man whose name is unknown, but who has been in the vicinity of Rockwood grinding scissors for some time, was struck and instantly killed near that place by excursion train No. 13, running from Cumberland to Pittsburg Saturday evening. Little is known of the victim save that his home was supposed to be in Pannstatunway.

Harry Moore, aged ten years, a son of J. Hollinsworth Moore, of Williamsport, was drowned at 4:30 o'clock Saturday. Thirty-five boys were swimming nearby and none saw him drown. When the boys were ready to go home the little fellow was missed and his clothes lying on a trestle where he had left them were mute testimony of his death. The body was recovered at 7:30 just as it was becoming dusk and hope of finding it was on the wane.

While passing through Antia, near DuBois, on Wednesday of last week, with her daughter, Mrs. Peter Conroy, and a little daughter, the horse driven by Mrs. William Couch, of Rossiter, became frightened at a locomotive and backed over an embankment about thirty feet high. The horse and vehicle fell on top of the occupants. Mrs. Couch sustained injuries from which she died at 2 o'clock, and Mrs. Conroy and the child were both severely hurt and are in a critical condition.

The mangled body of a man named James Casey, of Braddock, was found Sunday morning on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks about one mile east of Summerhill. Casey had been seen about Summerhill for a week or so. It is supposed that late Saturday night or early Sunday morning Casey started to walk to Lilly or Cresson, when he was struck by a train. His watch was found on his body and the hands point that it was at that time in the morning he was killed. The body was badly mangled, both legs being ground off and his head terribly crushed.

The camp meeting at Newton Hamilton is now numbered with the past religious gatherings of the year 1903. It was a successful meeting from the beginning to the end. A writer speaking of the work done by many faithful people, says special mention is due to the efficient and faithful services of Miss Ida C. Nearhoof, of Warriorsmark, who presided untrigingly at the organ throughout all the services from the early morning chime to late at night. Her sweet spirit and patience won the admiration of all. Miss Flow Stouch, of Altoona, and all who were active in the various sessions were well pleased and declare their intention of returning next year.

The Pennsylvania railroad is pushing the work of building its telegraph pole lines to replace those destroyed for the Western Union company, and expects to be able to turn them over to the Postal company by October 1st, when the telegraph company will rush the work of stringing its wires. A large force of men is at work at present erecting poles between Tyrone and Altoona, and along the Northern Central and Cumberland Valley railroads. The Pennsylvania railroad will own all the poles along its right of way, under its contract with the Postal, and will merely lease them to that company, in order to remain in command of the situation. Work is being pushed on the new telegraph office at the Broad street station, Philadelphia, and it will be ready for service in a few weeks.

On last Wednesday night or very early Thursday morning, as a son or employee of John C. Goss, whose home is in Clearfield county, but at present is doing some contract work in the vicinity of Grafton, Huntingdon county, was driving in a carriage near Grafton, his horse plunged over a steep bank by the roadside, and was killed. The driver himself was uninjured. Mr. Goss was informed of the loss of his horse and the manner in which it occurred. He at once informed the supervisor that he would make a claim of \$125. Rather than have a suit over the matter the supervisor and some of the leading citizens of the township where the accident occurred, thought that it would be best to settle the affair at once, for they realized that the law strictly and definitely provides that all public highways shall be made safe to travelers, and they well knew that proper precaution had not been taken by them. They, without very much deliberation, decided to pay the damage claimed by Mr. Goss, and on Saturday morning Anthony Forshey, the supervisor, paid over to him \$125 for the loss of his horse.