

Ink Blots.

The less real war news the larger the scare heads.

The canal treaty has been ratified. Now let us dig into it.

After while there will be nothing more for the Japs to capture.

Many of the pretty women in Russia are emulating HELEN GOULD. But there is only one HELEN, however.

Why not make "cousin MATT" a doctor of laws, too? He has been keeping Pennsylvania sick for these many years.

While wheat is soaring skyward in price be careful that you don't soar too high with it and let go when it is too late.

Lieutenant PEARY is preparing for another dash for the North pole. Work on the relief expedition has not been started yet.

The Chinese evidently don't care how soon they get into their own graves, so long as those of their ancestors are not disturbed.

If Russia has any more war vessels she had better fit them out with legs so there will be some chance for them to escape.

If Mr. WILLIAM R. HEARST were to let up the WILLIAM R. HEARST boom for President would collapse on the instant.

Of course "Bull" ANDREWS endorses QUAY's letter to Pennsylvanians. "Bull" expects to be catapulted into the United States Senate.

Harmony is what Pittsburg Republicans are after, but FLINN says it must be spelled with an F, and BIGELOW wants it to begin with a big B, so there you are.

It is little wonder that Europe has two-thirds of a million more women than men at the rate at which the impetuous nobles of those lands import our rich ones.

It will not be so much a matter of regret to the Republican party that PERRY HEATH is down and out as secretary of the national committee as it will be to PERRY, himself.

Tuesday's papers announced that "gold has been struck in Adams county." There will likely be no mention made of the suckers struck in Adams county during the next few months.

A rural sage who was in town the other day said "there will be no let up to winter until March 15th." It was not learned whether he has friends in the coal or plumbing business.

If Russia could only make up a few regiments of her anarchists and put them in front of the Japs would make an end of the canker that has been sapping her national spirit away.

It is estimated that rats destroy \$60,000,000 worth of food annually. The percentage of this that is brain food is probably determined by the number of people who have rats in their garret.

Young JOSEPH LEITER might learn a few things in wheat deals from Mr. ARMOUR. The latter "cleaned up" about \$3,000,000 in his. The former was "cleaned out" of about the same amount.

The wireless telegraphic service between Port Arthur and the editorial rooms of some of our metropolitan dailies has MARCONI's system back in the district messenger boy class of speed.

MARK HANNA's fortune, that was estimated at fifteen million dollars before his death, has dwindled to three million. But how much better that it is his fortune and not his good name that has shriveled.

The York Gazette calls attention to the number of our business and professional men who break down in the prime of life and urges that we all beware of over-work. Thank you, brother, we'll try to follow the advice.

Madame ADELINA PATTI refused to fill a coarser engagement at Soranton Saturday night because the advance sale did not reach \$50. There can scarcely be any doubts about this being the Diva's "farewell tour."

An American sailor was killed at San Domingo lately and it is beginning to look as if we would have to take San to get even. JOHNSON was the sailor's name and the San Domingans already realize that they have had "too much JOHNSON."

The University of Pennsylvania has conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on SAMUEL WHITAKER PENNYPACKER. Honors are cheap nowadays, since so many institutions use them as a bait for bequests, but this marks them down to the bargain counter rate.

It is not often that such things are heard of in the West any more, but a report that comes from an Idaho town concerning a voting contest they had out there recently favors so much of the old time recklessness and abandonment of the "wild and woolly" that we cannot resist noting it. Some one started a voting contest for the most popular lady in the town, offering a grand piano as the prize. All went well for awhile and there was a very good natured and exciting contest among the smart women of the place. Then the madam of the biggest "disorderly" house in the community jumped in and beat them all out by a majority of one hundred and thirty thousand. Wasn't it scandalous?

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Perry Heath's Blight.

PERRY S. HEATH appears to be determined to pursue Senator HANNA with his blighting friendship even into the grave. That is in resigning the office of secretary of the Republican National committee the other day, Mr. HEATH took occasion to reiterate his intimate relationship with the dead Senator. No greater stain could be put on any public man than to associate him with HEATH. In life and health Senator HANNA was strong enough to stand it and he even tolerated it. But now that he is dead it is not so certain that he will escape the consequences of such a relationship. People may doubt, under the circumstances.

Senator HANNA was largely responsible for the presence of PERRY S. HEATH in the public life of the country. In that respect Senator HANNA was unfortunate. That is he brought several men conspicuously into the public service who turned out badly. But he was peculiarly constituted. That is he stuck to his friends under fire with a tenacity that would have been commendable if they had deserved the favor, but was unfortunate in view of the fact that they didn't. HEATH was one of them. HANNA held up for him and prevented his indictment for corruption in the postal service. He repays the service by putting reproach upon the Senator while he lived and a stain upon his memory after he is dead.

It may be assumed that HEATH was forced to resign the secretaryship of the Republican National committee. After the death of HANNA he had no one to protect him and though ROOSEVELT was a beneficiary of his most atrocious act, the agreement with the Mormon church, he repudiated him the moment he was found out. But in his retirement HEATH might have left HANNA alone. There was no occasion for him to bring HANNA's name into the affair. The people were trying to think well of the dead Senator. There were a good many reasons why they should think well of him. But PERRY HEATH's claim of friendship blighted the good opinion of many. It was an outrage upon the dead.

Quay's Purpose to Retire

Senator QUAY has again announced his purpose to retire from public life at the close of his present senatorial term. He will not be a candidate for re-election, he says, and he doesn't even want a re-election to the honorary office of member of the Republican national committee. He is disgusted with everything and wants the tranquility of private life. As most people would conjecture this double announcement follows immediately after a statement of his critical illness. It may be assumed that next week or next month at farthest it will be forgotten. It is a clear case of the devil sick and the devil well.

When MARK TWAIN, as a member of that illustrious "handful of American citizens," immortalized by himself as the "Innocents Abroad" was taken a couple of days out, with sea-sickness it will be remembered that on the first day of his suffering he was afraid he would die and the second day he "was afraid he wouldn't." After reading QUAY's marvelous manifesto of a couple of weeks ago we expected that another announcement of his retirement would soon follow. He was obviously in that exhilarating operation which leads to sea-sickness on land when that was written and the announcement of his proposed retirement came when he had reached that stage of the consequence which made MARK TWAIN afraid he wouldn't die.

But QUAY won't retire until he is driven out by the pent-up indignation of an outraged people. He is as much a candidate for re-election to the Senate now as he was the day he was first chosen and he is as anxious for another election to membership in the Republican national committee as he was when in 1888 that compliment was first bestowed on him. In fact he is in politics now for the purpose of recovering what he has lost by the slump in the values of corporation stocks during the last couple of years and with that purpose in mind he will come to the next Legislature to look like a pirate and plunder like a highwayman.

The water question took on a very serious aspect for a few days last week when it was discovered that pipes, many of which were three feet under ground, were freezing solid. Fortunately Supt. Ryan discovered it early and after some consultation with the water committee of council it was decided to put the steam pump into supplemental service for a few days in order to keep up such an agitation of the water in the pipes as would prevent freezing. Many towns in the State were entirely out of last week by the severe cold and Milton narrowly escaped destruction by fire because all of her water plugs were frozen up.

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Vast Difference in Men.

What's the use in making comparisons between Governor PENNYPACKER and any other Governor of any State, past or present. The other day Governor HERRICK of Ohio, was asked to become a candidate for the Senatorial seat made vacant by the death of Senator HANNA. In all probability he would have been successful for he was a very close and faithful friend of HANNA and would have been a logical successor. There is hardly any doubt, either, that the position would have been attractive to him. The office of Governor of Ohio is without power or influence and hasn't even the attractiveness of carrying a good salary, while that of United States Senator is both influential and honorable.

Governor HERRICK declined to be a candidate for the Senate vacancy for the reason, as he stated it, that to abandon the office of Governor would be treacherous to those who elected him. "Last November he said, 'the people of Ohio elected me Governor by an unprecedented majority. That election placed in my hands a trust for execution. My duty is plain and clear. I will execute the trust and remain in the Governor's chair.' That was the just and earnest conclusion of an honorable and many man. He fulfills his obligations as he understands them. He discharges his duties as he sees them. The allurement of a better office fail to entice him from the path of duty as he estimates it.

On the other hand QUAY holds out to Governor PENNYPACKER the probabilities of a life office at a salary equal to that of the temporary one he is now filling and he hastens to accept. During the campaign for election to his present office it was said that he might yield to the enticement of a life tenure on the bench but he protested that he never would commit such an act of perfidy. The moment the prospect is presented to him, however, he jumps at it. "There is no principle of ethics," he declared, "which would prevent me from going before the Republican state convention as a candidate for the Supreme court or from asking the support of Mr. QUAY or any one else who may have influence."

Some of our Philadelphia and Harrisburg contemporaries cite these diametrically opposite positions on an analogous proposition and wonder why PENNYPACKER doesn't take the same view of the matter as HERRICK. There is nothing in the matter to wonder about. HERRICK is a business man of keen intelligence and a high sense of honor, while PENNYPACKER is a vain and silly old man who doesn't know the difference between right and wrong. He is the most dangerous man who has been in the public life of the Commonwealth since the organization of the State and while his election to the Supreme bench would be a public calamity his next two years in the office of Governor may be nearly as bad.

Quay Will Not Resign.

We hope there will be no misunderstanding of the report that Senator QUAY intends to withdraw from politics in the near future or decline a re-election to the office he now occupies. Such an impression would be misleading if not worse: Senator QUAY will never take himself out of politics until the concentrated force of public indignation drives him out. In other words as long as there is the hope of graft and the prospect of plunder, QUAY will remain in position to get his share. His present pecuniary condition is the guarantee of this proposition.

Whenever Senator QUAY feels that public opposition threatens his success in any important locality he immediately announces that he has made up his mind to quit politics, relinquish his public office and retire to private life. In that action there is an implied expression of belief that the average Republican voter is an idiot. We are not prepared to take issue with Senator QUAY's understanding of this subject. As a matter of fact we are not able to believe that QUAY is not correct in his estimate of the intelligence of the average Republican voter. He knows them better than we and thus far he has estimated them accurately.

But he doesn't even pretend that he is serious in this matter. He knows that now of all times he can't afford to get out of politics. He needs the money. Three years ago, when corporate property was at the highest he felt that he might quit official life. But the change in values has left him without the guarantee of even a comfortable evening of life and he wants a chance during the next Legislature that he may restore himself to an assurance of comfort. That is probably why he wants PENNY put into the Supreme court and "Oleo" BROWN into the office of Governor.

As a result of the severity of the winter Jacob Markle, the veteran Oak Hall apiarist, has lost nineteen swarms of bees valued at \$5 each. He says that in all his experience as a bee raiser this has been the most destructive winter.

The Monitor, the only Democratic paper published in Huntingdon county, suspended on Thursday, because of lack of support. Woe is Huntingdon.

A bulletin recently issued by the United States Department of Agriculture bureau of animal industry, deals with a very interesting experiment that has been in progress at The Pennsylvania State College Agricultural Experiment station for several years. It practically comprehends the observations and investigations that Dr. HENRY PRENTISS ARMSBY and his several assistants have made with the respiration calorimeter as applied to domestic animals. The work represents the first tangible results of an entirely new departure of science in its efforts to be of service to humanity. It has been looked upon with interest by the scientific world, some with skepticism, others with confidence in Dr. ARMSBY's ability to carry it to successful and useful conclusion. The respiration calorimeter is a complicated apparatus constructed especially for determining the amount of heat produced by an agricultural animal, the amount of its energy consumed in making fat and sustaining life, the available energy of certain foods, as well as many other matters of knowledge undreamed of heretofore yet of incalculable value to the stock raiser.

Though a legal holiday and the banks were closed there was not a single incident out of the ordinary routine in Bellefonte on the anniversary of Washington's birth. We really miss the little excitement of the Grand Army dinner always stirred up on the 22nd.

Russia's Startling Statement.

Threshes Over in Detail Some of the Wheat Already Gone Over. Violations of Law Charged. Think Japan Fractured Several by the Manner in Which She Proceeds.

St. Petersburg, February 23.—Foreign Minister Lamsdorff yesterday sent the following circular to Russian representatives abroad: "Since the rupture of the negotiations between Russia and Japan the attitude of the Tokio cabinet has consisted of open violation of all customary laws governing the mutual relations of civilized nations. Without specifying each particular violation of these laws on the part of Japan, the Imperial government considers it necessary to draw the most serious attention of the powers to the acts of violence committed by the Japanese government with respect to Korea. The independence and integrity of Korea as a fully independent empire has been fully recognized by all the powers and the inviolability of international law has been proved by exact and fully confirmed facts that the Japanese government, first, before the opening of hostilities against Russia, landed its troops in the independent empire of Korea, which had declared its neutrality; second, with a division of its fleet it made a sudden attack on February 8, that is, three days prior to the declaration of war, on two Russian warships in the neutral port of Chemulpo. The commanders of these ships had not been notified of the severance of diplomatic relations, as the Japanese maliciously stopped the delivery of Russian telegrams by the Danish cable and destroyed the telegraphic communication of the Korean government. The details of this dastardly attack are contained and published in an official telegram from the Russian minister at Seoul.

Third, in spite of the international laws above mentioned, and shortly before the opening of hostilities, the Japanese captured as prizes of war, certain Russian merchant ships in neutral ports of Korea. Fourth, Japan declared to the Emperor of Korea, through the Japanese minister at Seoul, that Korea would henceforth be under Japanese administration and she warned the Emperor that in case of his non-compliance, Japanese troops would occupy the palace.

Fifth, through the French minister at Seoul she summoned the Russian representative at the Korean court to leave the country, with the staffs of the Russian legation and consulate.

Recognizing that all the above facts constitute a flagrant breach of international law, the Imperial government consider it its duty to lodge a protest with all powers against this procedure of the Japanese government and it is firmly convinced that all the powers, valuing the principles which guarantee their relations will agree with the Russian attitude. At the same time, the Imperial government considers it necessary to issue a timely warning that owing to Japan's illegal assumption of power in Korea, the government declares all orders and declarations which may be issued on the part of the Koreans to be invalid.

I beg you to communicate this (to) all the governments to which you are accredited.

[Signed] "LAMSDORFF."

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Another Quay Bluff.

From the Philadelphia Record. The remarkable address "To the Republicans of Pennsylvania" sent from the Florida Everglades by Senator QUAY was probably extorted from that statesman when he was not altogether possessed of himself. It contains internal evidence of a confusion of mind and of a betrayal of temper that are not characteristic of the Senator in his intervals of composure.

The exposure of the plot to pocket PENNYPACKER in the Supreme court and pitch Oleo Brown into the Governorship, made by "The Record" December 7 last, was essentially confirmed the day afterward by the Governor himself. Mr. Quay brazenly declares:

Governor PENNYPACKER never was and is not now a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Supreme court. He has not sought nor will he seek that nomination. He has not signified that he will accept it if tendered him, and if he is wise he will keep his counsel upon that question.

But Governor PENNYPACKER, in a signed letter insisting that there was no principle of ethics to prevent his candidacy for a place in the Supreme court with ingenious frankness let the cat out of the bag. He said:

If, however, as "The Record" predicts, the Republican State Convention should see fit to elect me for the Supreme court, and that should be followed by an election, I shall return to the Bench.

Mr. Quay's denials, and his intimation to Governor PENNYPACKER to "say nothing publicly," came too late. The brook is already spilled. The whole game—the turning down of Judge Rice and of Dr. Gilbert for the McCollum vacancy, the appointment of ex-Judge Thompson and all the subsequent details of sordid chaffering—cannot be pushed aside by the Quay manifesto.

In dealing with Senator Quay it is better to consider what he does rather than what he says. It is quite possible that he has made up his mind that the projected PENNYPACKER candidacy is a dangerous experiment, and that he is preparing to abandon it under cover of his denials and demands for proofs. It would not be the first time that he has sought escape from extremely uncomfortable and compromising situations by similar subterfuge.

Woe is Kentucky.

From the Maysville, Ky., Ledger. Man born in the wilds of Kentucky is of few days and easy virtue. He fighteth, fiddeth, useth and fighteth all the days of his life.

When he desireth to raise hell he planteth a neighbor, and lo, he reapeth twenty-fold.

He riseth even from the oracle to seek the scalp of his grandeur's enemy and bringeth home in his carcass the ammunition of his neighbor's wife's cousin's uncle's father-in-law who avengeth the dead.

Yea, verily, his life is uncertain and he knoweth not the hour when he may be jerked hence.

He goeth forth on a journey half-shot and cometh back on a shutter, shot.

He riseth in the night to let the cat out and it taketh nine doctors three days to pick the buckshot from his person.

He goeth forth in joy and gladness and cometh back in scraps and fragments.

He calleth his fellow-man a liar and getteth himself filled with scrap iron even to the fourth generation.

A cyclone bloweth him into the bosom of his neighbor's wife and his neighbor's wife's husband bloweth him into the bosom of Father Abraham before he hath time to explain.

He emptieth a demijohn into himself and a shotgun into his enemy and his enemy's fist lieth in wait on election day, and lo, the Coroner ploweth up a forty-acre field to bury that man.

Woe, woe is Kentucky, for her eyes are red with bad whiskey and her soil is stained with the blood of damijits! Selah.

An Acceptable Resignation.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Perry S. Heath, whose record as a former Assistant Postmaster General failed to find favor in the recent reports of that department and in the published opinion of President Roosevelt, has resigned his post of secretary of the Republican National Committee. Mr. Heath has been long known as a practical politician of the strictest sect; one whose theory and practice were that the end justified the means, and that everything is fair in politics as in war. The load which his prominence as a part of the National Committee imposed upon the Republican party was an exceedingly heavy one, since even political parties must have at their head men against whom no railing accusations can be brought by such high authority as the President of the United States. As by resigning his post Mr. Heath has lifted the load from the party, it may be appropriately said of him that nothing in his career as secretary of the National Committee so became him as his resignation of the position.

Major McClellan Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—Major Arthur McClellan, brother of the late General George B. McClellan and uncle of the mayor of New York, died suddenly of heart disease today, at Drifton, Pa., where he was for many years connected with Cox Bros. Co., coal operators. He was 65 years of age and a veteran of the Civil war.

Plant Trees.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt celebrated Washington's birthday by planting a tree in the White house grounds. The trees are fern leaf branches. They were planted within the area within the semi-circular driveway leading from Executive avenue to the east terrace of the White house, one on each side of the main walk.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Tony Felericio perished in a chute of coal at Pittston.

—Six lawyers at Stroudsburg tried a case against hotel keeper Elmer Ely, charged with purloining contractor J. H. Smith's dog.

—Rev. H. A. Gerdsen, of Lancaster, has accepted the presidency of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, succeeding Rev. John H. Groff, of Middletown.

—George Hodge, the only support of a widowed mother, was burned to death after falling asleep beside a stove at Locust Spring colliery, near Ashland.

—Mine workers' officials in the Seventh anthracite district hope to add 1500 members to the roll in six months by their reduction of initiation fees from \$10 to \$2.

—The Pennsylvania Millers' Mutual Fire insurance office, which has been located at Huntingdon since its organization in 1868, will be removed to Wilkesbarre in April.

—Mayor-elect John H. Knies, of Hazleton, has locked in a burglar-proof safe his list of appointees to municipal positions, to keep it secret until his inauguration on April 4th.

—While being hoisted out of Mt. Lookout colliery, at Wyoming, on a mine cage, Michael Gibble's coat caught in a nail on a timber, and he was hurled to his death, far below.

—Rev. Craig B. Cross, of Oxford, who was tendered the pastorate of the Dickinson Presbyterian church, Cumberland county, has accepted, and will enter upon his duties in April.

—The Sugar Valley Journal says Oliver Karstetter caught a wild turkey on Friday. It was so weak that it could not run away. He took the fowl home and is fattening it on bran, bread and corn.

—Mrs. J. P. Bard, of Clearfield, formerly of Philipsburg, as a result of a special pension bill recently passed at Washington, will hereafter receive a pension of \$17 per month. Her husband, Capt. Bard, rendered his country valuable service during the war, and never received a pension while living.

—Thomas, aged about four years, son of Pierce Trexler, of Beech Creek, pushed a piece of colored crayon or wax pencil up one of his nostrils several days ago. It caused the little fellow much discomfort and attempt to remove it was futile. He was given in charge of Dr. S. J. McGhee, who successfully removed it.

—The celebrated Fisk military band, of Williamsport, which for the past 25 years has been one of the most prominent musical organizations in the State, has ceased to exist and will hereafter be referred to as a thing of the past. The dissolution was decided upon finally at a business meeting held at the old band hall, in Market square, last week.

—John Stevenson, who is employed by the New York Central railroad, had the misfortune to fall a distance of 20 feet on Thursday afternoon while painting the round-house at Oak Grove. He was on a 20-foot extension ladder when a hook broke, causing it to fall. Stevenson landed on his back and the ladder fell upon his chest and hips, severely injuring him.

—John Anderson, a Huntingdon reformatory inmate known as No. 3791, died at that institution the other evening of acute phthisis. He was 22 years of age and was sent there from Lawrence county, his crime being felonious burglary. Chicago was his birth place but his parents dying while the boy was young, he became a wanderer. A sister is living, but for years he had not known anything of her whereabouts.

—The case of Prof. Myers against Samuel Solomon, the Arabian dealer in the Hodgkins building, Patton, Pa., for selling cigarettes to boys under sixteen years of age has been settled. Mr. Solomon paid the school board \$100 to be devoted to purchasing books for the school library and also paid the costs in the case. The board is determined to stop the illegal selling of cigarettes and will prosecute any one guilty of the practice.

—One morning last week Mr. Bay, at Oak Grove, got up, made the fire and then went back to bed. Shortly after, they heard a terrible thumping noise and got up, but could find nothing wrong. Some time during the forenoon Mrs. Bay opened the oven door and there in the oven was their pet cat, roasted to death. Pussy was quite a pet and had crawled in the oven to get warm. Mr. Bay had closed the oven door, not knowing the cat was there.

—A dispatch from Harrisburg to factory inspector Delaney, from reports received, says that there is but one county in the State where the factory inspection laws regarding fire escapes are ignored—Clinton county. All the hotel men, amusement hall owners, managers of educational institutions and others, who come under the fire escape law there, have defied the factory inspector. Matters have reached such a point that Major Delaney will take the matter into court, but not into the Clinton county court.

—Miss Ruckman, of Milton, died at the home of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Sheller, in Lewisburg, on Sunday night. Miss Ruckman accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Hutchinson, also of Milton, went there last week to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Sheller, which occurred Monday. Both of the sisters contracted pneumonia and Sunday at midnight Miss Ruckman died. Mrs. Hutchinson is so low that her death is expected at any time. There were but the three sisters and the death of two of them within such a short time, together with the serious illness of the other sister, makes a particularly sad case.

—A month ago Christian Crimmel was appointed traveling engineer on the Middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad with headquarters at Millin, his duties being to ride on engines running on the division and instruct engineers and firemen as to their duties. About midnight Wednesday night he was riding engine No. 2145, hauling a west-bound freight train, and at Granville it ran into a "light" engine standing on the track. Both engines and five cars of the train were wrecked. The engineer and fireman of 2145 jumped and escaped injury, but Crimmel was caught in the wreckage and his life crushed out. He was aged 39 years. He was married five years ago to Miss Hannah Shaffer, who survives with one brother, John Crimmel, of Altoona, where the deceased had resided for many years before going to Millin. He had been in the service of the Pennsylvania railroad company many years.