

Next Thursday we will all be a wearin' o' the green.

The broader a man's knowledge becomes the fewer things he actually knows.

We wonder if the Russian battleship commanders ever heard that old "Down Went McGinty" song.

Old Winter will give Miss Spring a pair of very sore knees unless he lets up very soon in this lingering in her lap business.

Real estate transfers in Centre county last Thursday and Monday were very numerous. All the little creeks had a hand in the business.

Yellow journalism is not likely to come into popular favor with the ascendancy of the yellow Japs. Because they are of different shades of yellow.

And this is the winter of our discontent made inglorious spring by the non-appearance of American dollars—From one of PARRIS "farewell" muses.

If scientists succeed in their efforts to provide some very cheap substitute for coal let us hope their next job will be to discover a good cheap substitute for the plumber.

The Republicans have a campaign issue at last. The President removed a postmaster out in Ohio the other day because he had secured his appointment through a commercial transaction.

It is to be hoped that the next time "Little Egypt" and her twenty beautiful (?) burlesquers come to town there will be a sufficient stock of antique eggs on hand to do "the bunch" justice.

In 1892 the population of Western Australia was fifty-eight thousand. Today it has grown to two hundred and twenty-four thousand. Can it be that they have a Mormon colony in Australia also?

The SMITHS needn't feel so grand. In the light of recent developments there would have been just about as many people of other names if they had been fortunate enough to have had a Mormon elder in their lot.

French astrologers having agreed that the skies portend many horrors during 1904 all we have to do is wait and see. Of course we would be far more anxious had we not already heard that the Delaware peach crop is a dead one.

The truant officer is at work in Boggs township and one parent, at least, who thought the law of no account is languishing in jail because he thought it best to permit his children to grow up in ignorance rather than attend school.

Though there were only sixteen thousand Jews in Jerusalem in 1885 they have grown in numbers until they aggregate forty-one thousand now. It is a wonder there is room for them to talk in the narrow streets of that ancient city.

We wonder if shoes out in Utah are free, like school books in Pennsylvania. Brother JOSEPH SMITH has acknowledged being the father of forty-two little SMITHS and if he really has to provide for them all what JOX needs is sympathy, not persecution.

Senator HOAR got brother SMITH, of the "Latter Day Saints," badly tangled up on Tuesday. After the old Massachusetts lawyer got through with SMITH the Mormon head had practically acknowledged that he considered himself a more omnipotent head than the Lord.

The lynching of "a poor helpless negro" at Springfield, Ohio, on Tuesday, would have been "one of the most atrocious outrages ever perpetrated in defiance of law and order" had not Ohio given the largest Republican majority ever piled up in that State at a very recent election.

The negro who was sentenced to one thousand years in prison in Texas for an attempted assault will hardly have reason to feel grateful for the commutation feature of the law that allows him two hundred years off for good behavior, unless he takes the time off before the beginning of the regular sentence.

If the report be true that Mr. BRYAN is to present Mr. HEARST's name to the next Democratic national convention it is certain that the New York journalist will have all the advantage of oratory. Oratory, however, has figured too fatally in the last two presidential campaigns for reasonable Democrats to have much confidence in it as a means to success next fall.

JOHN T. SHOENER, of Pottsville, has been sent to jail for three years for fee-taking. He was clerk of the Luzerne county courts, a Senator of the State of Pennsylvania and at one time sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives. He claimed all these honors should militate against his punishment, but the court very rightly answered that a man who had been thus trusted by the people should suffer all the more for a violation of such a trust.

The Bellefonte council has dignified its old "Nuisance" committee with the rather high sounding and more pretentious title of "Sanitary committee." In objecting to the change member KIRK from the West ward remarked that "a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet." All of which the committee in question will discover for itself when ruminating among the dead cats and dogs, pig sties and polluted gutters that are its particular reason for being in existence.

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Quay and Pennypacker.

We learn through the medium of the Washington correspondent of an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary that Senator QUAY is the most intimate and trusted friend of the President.

How nice this is for QUAY and how promptly he utilizes the opportunity it affords. The threatened opposition to the nomination of Cousin SAM for the office of Justice of the Supreme court was portentous of trouble.

But how different for the President. MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY is known throughout the length and breadth of the land as the most notoriously corrupt politician who has ever debauched the public service of the country.

The Matter of Big Navies.

Mr. BALFOUR, Premier of the British empire, appears to have adopted President ROOSEVELT's idea of the potency of a "big stick" as an agency of peace.

Also late adherence to the principles of justice is "the greatest power for peace in the world." When Great Britain sent her fleets and armies for purposes of conquest into the Transvaal Republic she deserved such a chastisement as would have taught her better manners and greater regard for justice for a thousand years.

But even if Great Britain does need "a big stick," in the shape of an expensive navy, to restrain the impulse of other powers to attack her that is not true of this country.

It would be singular if the Senate were to recognize plural wives.

Pennsylvanians Digging In.

"Pennsylvanians Delved Deep in the Postal Pie," is the alliterative headline over a Washington dispatch giving details of a report of the postoffice committee of the House concerning congressional influence on the postal scandals which appeared in a Philadelphia contemporary the other day.

It would require too much space to give the entire list, but we would be unjust to our readers if we failed to give the names of those from this State. Of course QUAY stands at the head. Ever since he has been in conspicuous public life he has been mixed up in every scandal within his reach.

The Representatives in this State who figured in the looting operations were WAGNER, of Montgomery; BATES, of Crawford, Evans, of Cambria; ACHESON, of Washington; SIBLEY, of Venango; DALZELL, of Pittsburg, and BUTLER, of Chester.

Dr. Wood's Case.

The consideration of the nomination of Dr. LEONARD WOOD for the office of Major General is scheduled for this week and by the time this paper reaches its destination that crowning outrage may be consummated.

As a reward for this service to TEDDY DR. WOOD has been promoted with a frequency that has no parallel in the history of our army. We say for that reason, because there was no other. He had "never set a squadron in the field."

If Senator HANNA had lived this great outrage might not have been consummated. To his great honor let it be said he was opposed to such a base prostitution of power.

The WATCHMAN has been publishing for several weeks an able expurgation of the international Sunday school lesson. As it is a feature exclusively controlled in this section by this paper it involves considerable expense.

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A Bogus Reformer.

When JOHN WEAVER was nominated by the Republican machine for the office of Mayor of Philadelphia, the WATCHMAN took occasion to question the sincerity of his pledges of reform.

Subsequently, and as it now appears, with the consent of the machine managers, he convicted three or four miscreants who had been levying blackmail on school teachers and deceived the general public into the belief that he was a capable and conscientious official.

Those of our esteemed contemporaries, mostly Republican, by the way, who are attacking the unit rule with as much vehemence and energy as the late DON QUIXOTE assailed the windmill are making a mountain out of a molehill.

Concerning the Unit Rule.

Every time Pennsylvania has "out any figure" in National conventions the delegation operated under the unit rule. In that way it made itself felt in the voting convention, with seventy-two votes cast together, it will be more powerful than ever.

If the Pennsylvania delegation had not adopted the unit rule in 1896 the State would never have had a President, for the least break in the delegation would have defeated BUCHANAN's nomination.

HEARTS COURAGEOUS.—With the next issue the WATCHMAN begins the publication of Hallie Ermine Rive's successful novel "Hearts Courageous."

It will extend over a period of from twelve to fifteen weeks and if you want to read it remember that it begins next week.

Democrats Plan to Get an Inquiry.

Revelations in Postoffice Department Warrant a Searching Investigation.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Republican leaders will have to set back their date for adjourning Congress three or four weeks at least if a movement now under way among the Democratic Senators is carried out.

When the test is made, it will be made when the postoffice appropriation bill comes up for consideration in the Senate, which will not be for a week or ten days.

Democracy say that in any event the debate of the postoffice appropriation bill will run along for a month, unless the Republicans speedily consent at least to an investigation of the postal service.

Election Frauds in Cuba.

Nationalists Accused of an Attempt to Tamper With Returns.

HAVANA, March 4.—A serious situation has developed here as a result of allegations of attempts at fraud in the official election returns for Havana province.

The Nationalists disclaim any intention of interfering with the returns, and point out that there was no temptation to fraud, inasmuch as the average Nationalist majority in Havana province was 2000.

Good Sense Has Prevailed.

From the Wilkesbarre Union-Leader.

"Everybody has seen at some time a horse 'pulled up' so suddenly and powerfully by his driver as to throw the animal off its feet. This experience has just befallen the administration at Washington.

The Church and the State.

From the Johnstown Tribune.

It appears from the evidence of Prophet Smith, head of the Mormon church, before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, that Senator Reed Smoot was compelled to receive permission from the church authorities before announcing his candidacy for the office.

Politics in the Licenses.

From the Clearfield Republican.

In the granting of the wholesale liquor license opposite Osceola Judge Love must have traded the real thing for expectation.

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Spawns from the Keystone.

Governor Pennypacker has designated April 8th and April 22nd as Arbor days for Pennsylvania.

Clearfield had a fire scare on Friday evening. The livery stable, near the P. R. R. station took fire and before the flames could be extinguished, had burned the roof entirely.

The last Legislature passed a law increasing the appropriation to be paid by the county commissioners for the burial of a soldier from \$35 to \$50. This new law may not be generally known to old soldiers.

H. E. Kirk and J. H. Helfright have leased the Huntingdon Journal. Mr. Kirk will have active charge of the paper. He has been foreman of the Journal office for a number of years and afterwards held the same position in the Monitor office.

The large barn belonging to M. T. Ferguson, below Lumber City, Clearfield county, was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire Monday. The stock had all been driven from the burning building, but the cows ran in again and were consumed. The loss is a heavy one.

Dewey, the valuable pacing horse, owned by I. A. Snyder, of Bloomsburg, was poisoned Wednesday morning by someone who placed a bottle of strychnine in the animal's feed box. The horse was valued at \$500 and Mr. Snyder is determined to ferret out the man who is guilty of the crime.

Some time ago a pot of gold, buried under his grist mill by the late Christian Weidler, was found by relatives. While members of the Weidler family were cleaning house, they found \$800 in bills, which Mr. Weidler had sewed up in the mattress and bed-clothes used on his bed.

The three little children of Mrs. Wert Smith, and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Calvin and Gertrude Smith, of near Mackeyville, are all very sick with typhoid fever. Calvin and Gertrude contracted the disease while nursing their brother Wert, who died and was buried at Rebersburg last Friday.

The town of Wallaceton, on the line of the Beech Creek railroad, suffered a heavy fire loss Tuesday morning when the large general store of Frank Kramer and several residences were destroyed. The store loss was total, but many articles were saved from the surrounding residences. The loss will reach \$15,000.

George E. Koepf is a member of the Second ward school board, Pittsburg, although only 16 years of age. John G. Koepf, his father, was a candidate on the Citizens' and Orphans' tickets for a three-year term. The Republicans thought they had endorsed him for the one-year term, but they made a mistake in the name and endorsed and elected the son.

The Pennsylvania railroad constitutes a corporate empire, as remarkable for its administration as it is for its size; but, great as its gross earnings are—\$132,626,416—out-topping the Southern Pacific, the next largest, by \$30,000,000 and the New York Central by \$45,000,000, the broad currents of trade and transportation are more powerful than any railroad, however big.

Typhoid and scarlet fever are vying for predominance at Latrobe. The condition in the family of Dr. J. L. Lemon, in which four members, including the doctor, are ill with typhoid fever, is equaled in the family of S. A. Bingham, in which Mr. and Mrs. Bingham and two children are ill with scarlet fever. Two children of the Rev. Ebenezer Flaok, of the First Presbyterian church, have scarlet fever, and a number of others are sufferers from one or the other of the diseases.

Fish commissioner Meehan has been notified that about two-thirds of the Fish Protective associations in the State will send delegates to the convention of Fish Associations and Fishing clubs to be held in Harrisburg on March 24th and 25th, under the auspices of the Department of Fisheries. The convention will be held to devise means for the bringing into closer relations of the various organizations and with a view to organizing fish protective associations in every county so as to equalize the distribution of fish by the State.

The first accident on the Jersey Shore trolley line since traffic began last fall occurred at 6:30 o'clock Friday evening when John, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Flook, who reside at Jersey Shore Junction, fell under a car and the wheels passed over his left leg near the knee, terribly crushing the flesh and bone. The injured boy was removed to his home, where it was found necessary to amputate the leg above the knee. It is not known just how the boy came to fall in front of the car. The motorman standing in the vestibule did not see him. In fact, nobody saw the accident.

Frank B. Mattern, who was the son of the late Jacob Mattern, and was born and reared at Hollidaysburg, died at his home in Pittsburg very suddenly early Sunday morning. He was aged 41 years. He was an electrician by occupation and was the first superintendent of the Hollidaysburg electric light plant. He had been engaged in the electrical supply business in Pittsburg for the past ten years. He had relatives and friends in this vicinity, who will regret to learn of his early demise. He is survived by a wife and three children—Margaret, Frank and Stanley, and a brother, Robert Mattern, delinquent tax collector of Pittsburg.

It was a smooth trick, but a contemptibly mean one that a man who gave his name as Samuel Hill played on undertaker Alfred Simons, of Mount Union, Thursday of last week. He bought a casket for \$80 and paid for it with a \$85 check which was drawn by Reuben D. Bohrer and endorsed by Samuel Hill on the First national bank, Huntingdon, receiving five dollars in cash as change. The undertaker, as directed, sent the casket to Mapleton, and followed himself on the next train, expecting to find the body of the wife of Hill. But no corpse could be found and Hill was not there to help arrange for the funeral. Then the undertaker discovered he was short five dollars, besides the express charges for the casket to and from Mapleton and whatever his time was worth.