

Ink Stings.

There's an air of good old summer floats o'er the old home town...

Fortunately for the expense account of the county the gallowes are already on hand.

The prisoners who escaped from the Centre county jail have already taken rank with the "lion that escaped from the Main citrons" wreck as originators of canards.

An Iowa farmer's oows ate up a lot of dynamite cartridges recently and it is needless to say that one particular part of that State had all the milk shake it wanted for a while.

It is a greater pity than ever that the Russians didn't make an exhibit at the St. Louis exposition, for in that event they would have had something left after the Japs get through with them.

When Messrs. GREEN and DILLON put up a plea for mercy they should be asked as to how much they would have shown poor JERRY CONDO had he been given an opportunity to make one.

When Centre county runs out of great politicians to keep her beyond the public there will, probably, still be great villains to bring about the same end, though the means be most unlawful.

The price of anthracite coal has gone up a few cents, but the kick won't be nearly as strenuous now as it would have been last February, when the mercury was knocking the bottom out of the thermometers around here.

International gossip has it that the Czar of Russia is completely dominated by his mother, the Dowager Empress MARIE FEODOROVNA. Give them half a chance and the Japs will soon out the poor fellow loose from his mother's apron strings.

It is a good thing women are not voters, so far as Mr. ROOSEVELT's interests are concerned. They would never consent to stand pat on a tariff proposition that makes it possible for the sewing machine she has to pay \$45 for to be sold in foreign countries at \$25.

The defeat of Mr. BENNY FOCHT, of Lewisburg, for renomination for the Senate is a shock that will likely jar that gentleman for many moons to come. He was a machine politician in every sense of the word and let us hope that his downfall means the end of machine politics in the Northumberland-Snyder-Union district.

The passage of a bill appropriating \$5,000 to an industrial school for negro youths by the Legislature of Georgia by a unanimous vote, on Tuesday, is a strong blow as ROOSEVELT's efforts to engender race prejudice because of the treatment of the negro in the South. The bill was introduced by the only negro in the Legislature.

The smallest Republic on earth, Switzerland, has had two hundred avalanches within the present year, causing no less than fifty deaths. Of course the greatest Republic on earth is away behind the smallest in point of numbers, but we'll have an avalanche in November that will knock the political life out of millions of Republicans.

Former Judge E. W. SADLER, who is a candidate for re-election to the bench in Cumberland county, on the Republican ticket is said to have misappropriated so many funds entrusted to him professionally that he has liens to the amount of \$96,632.29 entered against him. If this be true the people of Cumberland county will scarcely entrust him with the custody of the dignity and integrity of their bench again.

Many a man must die before some of the newspapers will say what they really think of him—witness, the eulogiums being heaped on former Governor ROBERT E. PATTON by papers that could find nothing of merit in him while alive. But this is one of the exigencies of partisan politics. Fortunately it all ends with death and no one would undertake to rob the dead of that priceless heritage—high moral character.

Mr. HOMER DAVENPORT's cartoonous lose much of their "power" when it is understood that the very "farmers and business men and patriots" he is trying to cajole into voting the Republican ticket this fall are the same "farmers, and business men and patriots" whom he was vilifying four years ago. Principle has driven them from the support of the Republican nominee for President, while money has drawn Mr. DAVENPORT to his support.

Commissioner CARROLL D. WRIGHT's eighteenth annual report of the bureau of labor has just been issued and those who had hoped that it would prove a valuable campaign document must be sorely disappointed. While it does show a gain of 1.1 per cent in the average wages paid in five hundred and nineteen occupations over the average cost of living during the past eight years it doesn't attempt to figure how rapidly this small percentage of increase has been dissipated by the loss of work occasioned by mills and mines and factories closing down.

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The Death of Governor Patton.

Few conspicuous figures in the public life of Pennsylvania who lived so short a time achieved as much as Governor PATTON who died at his home near Philadelphia on Monday last.

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The announcement of the death of Governor PATTON came to the public with the suddenness of a shock. Some of his intimate friends knew that he had been ailing and his associates in the Pennsylvania delegation on the homeward trip saw that he was suffering more or less from the effects of exhausted energy.

In an open letter to the President the esteemed New York World says: "The paramount issue of this campaign is not, as you would have it, free trade or free silver, but YOU, yourself—THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

ROOSEVELT's cabinet is not like those of his predecessors in office, a sort of official family organized for mutual help and conference. One of his first orders upon assuming the office was to the effect that members of the cabinet should not discuss policies in public or reveal any of the proceedings of cabinet sessions.

In the preliminary canvass for the Republican nomination for President the imperial aspirations of the President have been most emphatically revealed. As the esteemed World states, "more absolutely than any of your predecessors in office ever did, you proceured your own nomination. You dictated the platform. You edited the nominating speeches. You appointed the campaign manager. You moved your cabinet like pawns to meet the exigencies of your game of politics."

So far as New York is concerned Mr. ROOSEVELT will be out of the running before it is started.

The Recent Jail Delivery.

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Now that the feverish excitement of the past few days has cooled down people are viewing the tragedy in a very much more reasonable manner. Of course there will always be those prone to charge negligence on the part of some one, but looking at the tragedy from every point of view possible we cannot see that it would either be just or possible to charge negligence on the part of either sheriff TAYLOR or deputy PARKER.

Certain rules and regulations concerning the government of the jail had been laid down. Among these were two that bear directly on the case. First, deputy sheriff JACKSON is supposed to go on duty at eight o'clock in the morning and go off at five in the evening. Second, turnkey CONDO had orders to lock all the prisoners in their cells at 8:15 in the evening.

While deputy JACKSON's hours of duty were fixed it was understood that should he be needed at any other time he should be called from his home in another part of the town. It is evident, therefore, that the turnkey was in plain violation of the explicit rules of the jail.

Parker Among Them.

Judge PARKER is not only an enigma but constant source of consternation to the Republicans. When he doesn't talk they urge him to garrulity and when he does they complain because he says what they didn't want him to say.

But they will have to get along the best they can with this sort of thing until after the election and then there will be no reason why it should give them offence for all men of right minds take pride, naturally, in the dignity and decorum of our Chief Magistrate.

We are sorry for our despairing friends, the enemy. We might be even willing to advise Judge PARKER to do something a trifle absurd or say something that might be criticised, just to please them, because his election is so certain that a trifling mistake or two couldn't compass his defeat.

The Philadelphia System.

According to the New York Herald Chairman CORTELYOU of the Republican National committee proposes to introduce Philadelphia methods into the politics of New York. "On his recent visit to this city," writes the Philadelphia correspondent of our esteemed New York contemporary, "Mr. CORTELYOU made inquiries regarding the Philadelphia Republican organization, its methods and those men who have been so successful in rolling up the tremendous majorities that have been recorded for Republican candidates in Philadelphia."

The leaders "who have been so successful in rolling up the tremendous majorities that have been recorded for Republican candidates in Philadelphia," are the ballot box stuffers who during other than election times are engaged in all sorts of predatory pursuits in Baltimore, Washington and other cities in which the criminal population is large.

But Mr. CORTELYOU ought to know that it won't work in New York. In order to be successful such a system must have the protection of the courts and Philadelphia is the only city in the United States in which the courts of justice are parts of the criminal machinery.

The St. Petersburg Tragedy.

The assassination of M. VON PLEHVE, Minister of the Interior in the government of Russia, was not altogether a matter of surprise in well-informed circles and among diplomatists. Of course the assassination of any man causes a shock and the tragedy in St. Petersburg was no exception.

M. VON PLEHVE had been Director of the Department of Police previously to his elevation to the seat in the ministry a little more than two years ago, and he carried the methods of the police service into his new field of action. In other words, his methods were secret, not to say sinister, and created antagonisms. The severity of his punishments added fuel to the flame of enmity which increased as his power multiplied, and even those about him were constantly expecting a tragedy.

There was little in M. VON PLEHVE's character which challenged admiration outside of his intellectual force, personal courage and official energy. He was for the Czar and worked for the aggrandizement of his empire without too nice a regard for methods. Results were his aim and he achieved them sometimes by devious ways.

—Newspapering in Huntingdon must be like the game of see-saw, all ups and downs. Last winter H. E. KIRK began the publication of the Journal and in February the Monitor suspended publication. Now the latter has resumed and the former suspended.

—Wednesday evening sheriff Taylor received a telephone message from Petersburg in effect that two colored men had committed a rape on a young white girl of that place, and that they were headed this way. Up to the time of going to press no more definite news has been obtained.

Swell the Republican Campaign Fund.

Secretary Shaw's prayer for high prices has been answered even more quickly than perhaps he anticipated. The beef trust was evidently in close telepathic touch with Secretary Shaw and has advanced prices to suit him, although those of us who have small incomes and large families are on the verge of a beef famine.

Murdered by Bandits.

Charles Hayes, a driver employed by the Puritan Coal company, is dead and Patrick Campbell, the company's paymaster, lies fatally wounded at the Altoona hospital as a result of a hold-up which occurred on the township road leading from Portage to Paritan.

The two men in a buggy were taking a shortcut, containing about \$3000 with which to pay the coal company's employees at Paritan, from the Adams Express company office at Portage to the coal mines. At a point about three-quarters of a mile out of Portage they were suddenly fired upon by a party of three men armed with shotguns.

Hayes fell to the bottom of the buggy, pierced by 37 buckshot wounds in his neck and breast and died about half an hour later. Campbell was hit in the shoulder and fell from the buggy. Campbell and Hayes left Portage early in the morning, after receiving the money by express. Both men were armed, but not a sign of trouble was noted during the day.

The police are terribly excited over the outrage and threaten to lynch the perpetrators if they are captured. Campbell was taken to Altoona on the day express. He is dangerously wounded, there being 15 bullet wounds in his face, head and body. Two shots pierced his right lung. Another hit his mouth and two struck his wrist.

Pursued by 800 determined men, the three murderers are hiding in Cedar Swamp, about seven miles from Portage, on the Bedford county line. One of the fugitives is injured, but not enough to effect his flight. In parties of about 20 the pursuing men are scattered out over the entire boundary of the laurel thicket and swamp, which is 12 miles long and seven miles wide.

Up until 11 o'clock in the morning the leaders of the posse were working at Random. Shortly after that hour Justice McCartney, of Beaverdale, a town about six miles to the south of Portage, noticed three men running across the road toward the swamp. McCartney called upon about 20 followers to hurry. They fired, and before reaching the swamp one of the fugitives fell. Another volley of shots mugged out as the fallen man attempted to rise, and he stumbled again.

They followed, but when about 50 yards, it got the trail. The party then separated, one man being detailed to Beaverdale and the others scattering through the swampy laurel path. Although they watched the roads and searched the swamp for two hours, they could not recover the trail. More men began to arrive, and the search was continued all night and pickets are out watching every road and cowpath leading from the swamps.

—Sunday and Monday were two of the hottest days of the season in Bellefonte, in some places the thermometer registering 100 degrees in the shade.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Meyersdale miners are still on a strike and refuse to hear propositions for settlement.

—The last "small-pox patient" in Johnstown's municipal hospital was discharged on Monday.

—Fifteen dairymen were arrested at Williamsport and held for trial at court Tuesday, charged with using formaldehyde.

—Ebensburg is to have a fair this year. The management announces that September 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd are the dates decided upon.

—Mrs. Margaret Rush, of Derry, an inmate of the Westmoreland county home, committed suicide by jumping from a third-story window.

—Although nearly 98 years old, William Criswell, of Reading township, Adams county, worked in the harvest field making a full day. He takes long walks daily and reads without spectacles.

—Annie Waltz, aged 17, is under arrest at Williamsport, charged with causing the death of her infant child by strangulation. The child's body was found in a box. The mother is very ill at the hospital.

—George C. Groff, of Lewisburg, George C. Butz, of State College, and Enos B. Engle, of Waynesboro, have been appointed official inspectors of nurseries in Pennsylvania to protect trees from San Jose scale and other pests.

—Clinton county Democrats Tuesday nominated William T. Young, of Farrantsville, for the Legislature; Henry Hipple, of Lock Haven, for District Attorney, and J. D. Eckel, of Greene township, for County Surveyor.

—Samuel Potter, the aged mail carrier, who was run-down by a passenger train on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad Wednesday afternoon, at the fair grounds, Lewisburg, died at his home at Potters Mills, Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

—Gregory Samasero was killed at Scottsdale, Westmoreland county, on Saturday night, by having a maddock driven deep into his brain. He was found dead in a chair in the road. A photograph pointed out as that of the murderer caused the arrest of Michael Rossi.

—As he was returning from the cemetery Friday, where he had just arranged for the burial of a 3-year-old son, Arthur, William Thomas was stopped by his physician and told that another son, John Raymond, had just died. Both children were victims of diphtheria.

—Mrs. John Carlos, of Freeland, saw High constable Ludwig taking a pig to the borough pound Monday. The pig became unmanageable and cut up such capers that Mrs. Carlos gave way to uncontrollable laughter. She burst a blood vessel and is in a serious condition.

—Dr. J. C. Miller, of Jeannette, who is under indictment for performing a criminal operation that resulted in the death of Miss Dollie Tyler, a Gypsy, at Barnesboro, is again in the toils. He is charged with having performed an operation on Mrs. Julia Gemery, of Greensburg, on July 3rd.

—The spread of small-pox in the eastern part of Indiana county has so alarmed the railroad contractors that they have petitioned the State Board of health for assistance. The Pennsylvania railroad is building a coal road through that section and several of their workmen have contracted the disease.

—Oscar Mowery, a huckleberry picker, was taken to the DuBois hospital Sunday evening with a severe bullet wound in his left breast. The weapon slipped out of the holster in which Mowery was carrying it and was discharged on striking the ground. The bullet entered his right side, taking an upward course.

—Awakened by burglars sawing a panel from a rear door of his residence, John White, of Bradenville, Westmoreland county, rose, got his gun and started down stairs. The robbers took to their heels, with White in pursuit. After a run of almost a mile he captured one of them, a tramp, who gave the name of John Adams, of Trenton.

—Mrs. Louisa Netznik, the woman who was badly burned Thursday night at her home near South Fork by the explosion of a lamp, died at her home late Friday night, after undergoing intense suffering for about twenty-four hours. She was 25 years of age and is survived by her husband and four children, the oldest of which is aged 8 years.

—Charles Wilner, an elderly man of Shamokin, is dying from an attack of hiccoughs which started ten days ago. For two days family remedies were tried to stop them, but without avail, and physicians have since been treating him. Owing to his advanced age the spasms are rapidly reducing him to a condition of weakness from which it is feared he will not recover.

—While out berrying, Myron Barick aged 19, of Painter Run, Tioga county, was bitten in the ankle by a huge rattlesnake. Without the least hesitation he whipped out his jack-knife, cut out the affected flesh, and after allowing the wound to bleed freely for a time, tied a cord tightly around the leg just above the ankle. The only bad effect he experienced was the soreness caused by cutting out the piece of flesh.

—Clark Smith, of Cornpropp Mills, in company with Mr. Miller, of Huntingdon, while tramping through the woods near his farm last week, had an experience that for a short time threatened serious ending. While going along a side path Mr. Smith's attention was attracted, and not looking where he was stepping, suddenly heard the rattle of a snake. On looking down he found an immense rattler coiled around his leg, with its fangs so securely buried in his gum boot that it was almost impossible to shake it off.

—Preparations are being made for a meeting of independent bituminous coal operators and shippers to be held at Altoona in September, when it is intended to formally organize the proposed Bituminous Coal Trade League, says the Johnstown Democrat. This call will be issued by ex-Judge J. B. McEnally, of Clearfield, who will act under his instructions from more than 100 operators and shippers, who have signified their readiness to proceed on the lines of the address issued June 11th, by the Philadelphia committee. The object is to form an organization strong enough to protect the small operator in his right.