

Ink Slings.

Soon the hopeful fisherman Will be busy as can be A fish up his rod and line And bottle up his "tea".

—Of course HARRY WASHBURN wasn't disappointed. He got just what everyone expected.

—The sweet girl graduate is beginning to look around for white dress goods and kid slippers.

—This is the time of the year when "the only can on the dump" gets all the company it wants.

—And now come well grounded rumors that Russia and Japan are to get together for peace this time.

—The Storey cotton swindle was another case of pulling the wool over the public eye, only they didn't use wool.

—It requires so little to make the average candidate happy that really it is everyone's duty to contribute a little. Lend him your ear.

—Judging from the proprietorial air Senator PENROSE uses when talking of Pennsylvania he must be in possession of a clear title from WILLIE PENN.

—CASSIE CHADWICK is to spend ten years in prison for her financial escapades. By the time she gets out it is to be hoped that she will be old enough to know better.

—An increase of wages is a very acceptable thing for any workman and when that increase is made voluntarily it makes better workmen. Result, watch for more record breaking runs at the Nittany furnace.

—Japan has asked for \$800,000,000 indemnity from Russia as part of the terms on which the war will be ended. Supposing she gets such an award we presume that President ROOSEVELT will be volunteering to collect the bill.

—Why wouldn't it be a good plan to accept cash in lieu of the PRUNER properties and spend the money on a new hospital building in Bellefonte, calling it the PRUNER hospital, with a ward open to every school of medicine?

—If Philadelphia is all there is of the Pennsylvania Legislature why not extend the limits of that city west to the Ohio line and call Pennsylvania Greater Philadelphia. This would also end all the fuss about a Greater Pittsburg.

March may go out like a lion Or she may go out like a lamb But whether its roaring or sighing Be cheerful, and don't care a bobee.

—The Philadelphia North American on Tuesday illustrated the WATCHMAN's suggestion of a plum tree in capitol park, Harrisburg, as a proper monument to QUAY. It put into a very ludicrous cartoon the verbal design submitted by this paper.

—Governor FOLK, of Missouri, says "good citizens may make good laws, but no law can make good citizens," at a banquet speech in Philadelphia a few evenings ago. And how true it is, for we see it exemplified every day the Legislature is in session in Harrisburg.

—The Adams county woman who tried to prevent an eviction by taking off all her clothes and crawling into bed must have fairly languished for a fig leaf when the persevering constable grabbed her up in his arms and carried her out onto the road.

—No, dear reader, the act to prevent idioity which is before the Pennsylvania Legislature will not be applicable to Governor PENNY. Acts of Assembly are never made to be applicable to those who help make them—unless it is on a little matter like increase of salaries.

—Since PEARY's new arctic boat is to be called the ROOSEVELT it may be expected that the explorer will have strenuous times during his next search for the pole. He should have named his boat FAIRBANKS, for if any name given has an affinity for frost and ice that of the vice President is the one.

—This month will see the close of the career of The Pennsylvania Methodist, Dr. SILAS C. SWALLOW's publication. While it is not to be inferred that there is a dearth of Methodists to read it, it is possible that Dr. SWALLOW found out that at times it was rather too strenuous for them. Besides, the field of church papers is gradually being contracted by the amount of space the great secular journals give to the same themes.

—The PRUNER orphanage question has stirred up considerable discussion in the community and the wise (?) man is jumping to the front of the platform with all manner of suggestions. It is a proposition worthy the most profound consideration by Bellefonte. We are already encumbered with so many calls for aid that council will naturally go slow in adding another to the list. With more orphans than we need, a Y. M. C. A., Petriken hall, the Academy, the monument, the hospital and sundry other institutions claiming public support Bellefonte staggers under a load of charities most of the time. While we are not opposed to the orphanage, if it can be made self supporting, we want to record our vote against the proposition right here, if it means some one carrying around a paper every year to make up whatever deficits there may be.

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The Shame of the Machine.

The resolution introduced by Representative McCLAIN, of Lancaster, on Monday evening, providing for the recall of the odious EHRHARDT bill which had been fraudulently counted as passed last week was no sign of repentance. It was simply an acknowledgment of being "caught in the act, or as the lawyers put it in flagrant delicto. With a purpose well settled, after mature consideration, the legislative machine determined to pass that measure with or without sufficient votes. The bill is the most atrocious ever presented in any Legislature. Its real title ought to have been an act to encourage prostitution and legalize the seduction of young girls. Its purpose was to recruit the army of fallen women. No such bill could have been introduced in any other Legislature in the civilized world.

But the political procurers were caught in the act. The falsification of the record was detected and exposed. At first this fact didn't swerve them from their purpose. The resolution of Mr. HITCHCOCK, on Thursday last, was ruled out of order in characteristic machine fashion. It was expected that would end the matter. Speaker WALTON, the most brazen political prostitute the State has ever produced, dismissed the subject with contempt. But the protests of indignant citizens from the valleys and mountains of the State rolled in upon him and like all criminals he cringed before the overwhelming tide of indignation and had his previously disguised lickspittle, FRANK McCLAIN, offer his apology to the public. It was the most contemptible act ever witnessed in the Legislature.

In the recall of that bill there is plain confession of fraud. For the purpose of protecting crime and promoting vice the Republican majority of the Legislature had deliberately falsified the vote of the House. That is in itself a most atrocious and forbidden crime. But in this case it was aggravated by the refusal to correct the record after the fraud had been fully exposed. There is no virtue in the belated apology of McCLAIN. That simply measured his pectorals. It only marked him down as a contemptible scoundrel. At the opening of the session WALTON humiliated him to an extent that no honorable man could endure, but like a originating dog he comes to WALTON's rescue in his desperate emergency and has thus earned another kick which we hope will be hard and swift when the chance comes.

The Governor's Votes.

Governor PENNYPACKER has earned the approval of the public by his intelligent and courageous use of the veto power. We have already referred to a couple of vetoes submitted to the Legislature some time ago. We would be unjust if we failed to commend him for the veto of the new courts bill for Allegheny county and the additional law judge bill for Erie county. These new offices were not needed. The bills were passed in pursuance of a purpose of the machine to increase the political patronage of the organization. Using the bench for such purposes is the greatest public evil.

On Monday evening of this week he added another to his list of killed legislative enactments which is equally creditable to his integrity and sagacity. A bill which had the double purpose of increasing the compensation and adding to the power of court stenographers was vetoed on that occasion. It was plainly unconstitutional as the Governor pointed out, because it divided not only the power but the responsibility of the courts with an inferior officer of the court and it increased the compensation of the court stenographer during his term of office. Either of these faults would have been fatal. Together they make the veto peculiarly appropriate.

These vetoes justify the hope that when the opportunity comes to him Governor PENNYPACKER will veto the odious bills which have been passed or are still pending in the Senate. We mean the PUELL bill compelling the law and order society to publish the list of contributors to its funds and the EHRHARDT bills further crippling that association. Some of our contemporaries have expressed confidence that the Governor will veto all these measures and we are of the same opinion. We have not hesitated in expressing our disagreement with the Governor on some questions and we are the more earnest therefore in expressing our concurrence in the views which have influenced his vetoes.

—What have you given toward the Bellefonte Academy grounds improvement fund? If nothing, don't you think it soon time that you do. The time is now at hand when the grounds are to be gotten in shape for the centennial celebration in June and as yet the fund is not anywhere near large enough. Friends of the Academy all over the country should come forth at once with as liberal contributions as possible and thus help to make the surroundings in keeping with the handsome new building.

Roosevelt for Re-election.

The New York World which is over-fond of predicting things, hazards the guess that President ROOSEVELT will be his own successor in 1908, notwithstanding his positive declaration that he would not again be a candidate. The World bases its opinion on two things. The first is Mr. ROOSEVELT's complete control of the Republican machine and the other the probable demoralization or want of cohesion in the Democratic party. In both of these propositions the World is very likely to be mistaken. Probably ROOSEVELT has control of his party organization now but the indications are that he will not hold it.

So far as the second proposition goes it is already refuted. In the municipal and other elections which have been held in various parts of the country since the election of ROOSEVELT the Democratic party has shown up in the finest form. The result of the vote last fall was disappointing and largely for reasons which indicate an absence of party cohesion. That is to say, in Indiana and Missouri and one or two other States it appears that an element of the party preferred the Populist candidate to that of their own party. But there is no such feeling now. On the contrary the party is in excellent shape.

It is no great compliment to the President to say that he will be a candidate notwithstanding his solemn pledge to the contrary. But we have little faith in his veracity as our New York contemporary expresses in its prediction. That he will be a candidate if there is a ghost of a chance of his nomination and election we have no doubt. Possibly he will even go to the limit of declaring himself his own successor without the formality of an election. But we don't believe that he will succeed either in getting himself re-elected or continuing by usurpation. By that time he will be "found out."

Time to Act.

The Academy improvement fund has been dragging along for several months and up to this time the desired amount has not been secured. The time when the work should be completed is not far distant, consequently it behooves the trustees and others personally interested in the institution to get a move on. From our point of view it looks as if the old students and friends of the institution at a distance have done very well, but there are many right here in Bellefonte who are directly benefited by the Academy who have, as yet, done nothing. They are the ones who should join the list now in order that the work can be carried to completion before the time for the centennial celebration.

Mr. OGLESBY PAUL, the famous landscape gardener in charge of Fairmount park, Philadelphia, has been here twice; the last time only a few days ago. He made plans and staked out the grounds for improvements that will cost at least \$1,000. While they are, necessarily, not very elaborate they are designed to be part of the general landscape effect when the Academy has acquired adjacent property and ultimately becomes the great preparatory school that it can be made.

We do not presume to say what any individual should do, but we do know that there are a number right here in our midst who should contribute something to this fund and do it at once, not only because of the immediate need, but because of the effect it may have on others.

Rev. Crittenden's Great Work.

The American Sunday school union is sending broadcast a circular showing the wonderful work accomplished by Rev. Richard Crittenden, of this place, as a Sunday school missionary. Among other things it states that he entered the service of the union, May 2, 1864, his field consisting of ten or more counties in the State. In many communities he was the pioneer laborer for the children in whose behalf he established Sunday schools and enlisted both parents and children in the study of the Bible. For instance, thirty years ago he opened a flourishing school at Rumbarger, Clearfield county, then without any religious services, watched over by him it continued to thrive. Rumbarger is now the town of DuBois with ten or twelve churches, and trolley cars run where Rev. Crittenden walked through the dense forests. Four hundred and six schools were organized by him in which there were gathered 13,269 persons. He made 12,237 visits to families, doing most of the touring on foot. He often walked thirty miles a day and spent the night in the woods, many a time in an old deserted cabin or dug-out. He distributed 2,356 copies of the scripture where they were needed, and not less than 70 churches trace their beginning from the Sunday schools he planted. This showing probably is but a small portion of the constant growing results of his labors.

—If the weather of the past week is a modulated form of what we will have this summer there will be no question then about it being "hot enough for you."

Capitol Park Enlargement Bent.

Our Harrisburg contemporaries practically admit that the bill for the enlargement of Capitol park will fail of passage at the present session. Senator PENROSE, who has been at Harrisburg all week, was asked about the matter the other day and said the "outlook is very dubious. I don't see where the money is to come from for that purpose," he continued. Of course that settles it. That much needed improvement will fail, not because there isn't money enough to meet the expenses but for the reason that the machine wants to keep the money in favored banks and use it for oiling the political automobile. The machine proposes to continue so prolific a source of graft.

But the people of Harrisburg are a good deal to blame themselves for the failure of the passage of an act which would have contributed so largely to the beautification of the capital city. Some of them at least tried to make a source of graft out of the enterprise itself and Senator FOX introduced a bill asking for an appropriation of at least a million dollars more than necessary for the work. This discouraged some and disgusted others of the supporters of the enterprise and delayed the progress of the bill until other drafts on the treasury intervened and reduced the surplus to the minimum of machine necessities. That is, they want at least \$300,000 a year out of it and with a less balance than twelve or fifteen millions that is impossible.

The capitol park ought to be big enough and beautiful enough to attract the attention and challenge the admiration of every visitor in Harrisburg whether a Pennsylvanian or resident of another State. Because of that we favored the park extension bill after it was amended so as to cut out the sources of graft. We favored the bill, moreover, because of the evil effects of a big treasury surplus and such an expenditure would help to keep it down until taxes can be reduced or so distributed as to prevent the big balances in the State Treasury. But our hopes in that direction will not be fulfilled this year. We doubt if the extension will come within a generation.

Defense of Caleb Powers.

An esteemed Philadelphia contemporary is now worrying itself and annoying some others with a scheme to raise money for the defense of CALIB POWERS, who has twice been convicted of the murder of Governor GOEBEL, of Kentucky, and is appealing for a new trial. We can't see any merit in such an enterprise. The fact has been well established that CALIB POWERS and others entered into a conspiracy to murder Governor GOEBEL and that he was murdered. The reason of the purpose to murder him was to prevent him from taking the oath to which he had been elected by the people and permit his Republican competitor for the place to usurp the power.

The Republican party literally "adopted" that heinous crime. That is to say, within a few months after it was perpetrated one of the conspirators, a man named TAYLOR who had been defeated for Governor, went to Philadelphia as a delegate to the National convention that nominated McKINLEY and ROOSEVELT for President and Vice President. The oration was not on account of any civic distinction which TAYLOR had achieved. It was not on account of any illustrious service he had performed. It was simply for the reason that he had defeated the inauguration of a Democratic Governor by procuring his murder.

Afterward murderer TAYLOR, a fugitive from justice, was apprehended in New York but the then Governor of that State and now President of the United States refused to allow him to be taken back for trial. The federal constitution specifically declares that criminals so apprehended must be surrendered but ROOSEVELT never did pay much attention to the constitution. Since the murderer has been shielded by the authorities of Indiana. We don't see why people of Pennsylvania should be asked to contribute to the immunity of another of those conspirators. CALIB POWERS ought to have been hung long ago.

—A number of new names have been added to the WATCHMAN list during the past week, but you likely know of some who are not getting the best copy paper published. Speak to them about the WATCHMAN and possibly they will be persuaded that they might as well have the best when it is also as cheap as the cheapest.

—Only fifteen days more until the opening of the trout-fishing season, when every man who owns any kind of an outfit will be out angling for the speckled beauties while the small boy with the twine line and bent pin hook will bring home the biggest string.

—A new twelve-inch water main is to be laid from the reservoir to the Diamond to connect with the large main up High street and out Allegheny to Linn.

"So Say We All of Us."

From the Philadelphia Press. Governor Pennypacker has voted for the best interest of the State, Judiciary and the administration of law in vetoing the bill for an additional court in Allegheny and Erie Counties.

These courts were not needed. They were provided to give places, not to facilitate legal administration. As Governor Pennypacker justly says, respect for the judiciary as a whole is weakened by the presence of Judges on the bench plainly not needed, mere tax-eaters, with no public reason for their existence. This State has ninety-six Judges, where New York has but seventy-five. The proportion in the State at large here is a Judge to 65,647 persons. In New York it is one to 86,117 persons. New York has all the Judges it needs. So has Philadelphia, where Governor Pennypacker gives the proportion at one to 86,246. Allegheny has one Judge to 64,568, under the State proportion, Governor Pennypacker's logic, principles and practice are all vindicated. A veto like this is a great service to the Commonwealth, direct and indirect. It will receive approval throughout the State and displays the Governor at his best as a zealous, judicious, courageous and resolute Chief Executive in this particular subject matter.

Looks as if It Was to Continue Indefinitely.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The Pennsylvania Legislature is still a spectacle in the nostrils of the public. It has no defenders except among its notorious beneficiaries. It is as bitterly assailed for its criminality by the Republican press as by the Democratic newspapers. Even the Governor by his frequent vetoes condemns it. Of course all the members of the assembly are not bad men, but the good ones in it are so few that they do not count. The more amazingly are the records falsified that it is practically impossible to identify the good anyway, with the result that they must go in the general estimate. However, who cares? It's nothing new. It's an old story many times told. Two years hence it will be the same story over again. We are a subservient people. And the more we are rubbed in on us the more we are that in the near future gentlemen who are now busily disgracing themselves and the state and nation and making some people rich through foul legislation will be smiling candidates for re-election—and will be "triumphantly" elected. Hooryay for that "same old coon."

A Great System and a Just One.

From the Providence Journal. Railroads which have not yet given serious consideration to the important subject of pensioning employes, who have passed the age limit may find it advantageous to follow the precedent set by the Pennsylvania. During the first five years that its pension system has been in operation this company has authorized the payment of \$1,614,087 in pensions to retiring employes and more has paid all the expenses of the pension department. The effect on the operatives must be excellent. Men render better service when they understand that their employers do not propose to turn them adrift when age lessens their earning capacity, and a pension system like that of the Pennsylvania enables a railroad company to obtain the highest class of men, as positions are made vacant by death or retirement. Unquestionably the Pennsylvania has found the pension department profitable in that it attracts superior men and inspires a general feeling of loyalty.

Ask Something a Little Easier, Please.

From the Philadelphia Press. This country is at peace with all the world, but its war expenditures are so heavy that it is now proposed to put a tax on tea and coffee in order to find adequate revenue for gunpowder purposes. The State of Pennsylvania collects from the people year after year excessive revenues, but in order to keep a large balance on deposit in favored banks and to afford greater opportunity for graft it is proposed to put a tax on coal and oil, putting the producer of coal and oil at a disadvantage in competition with coal and oil producers in other States.

Drunk with power, in State and nation, the Republican party bends itself to the will of a domineering and profligate leadership. How long will the taxpayers, who pay the score and suffer the consequences of governmental corruption and extravagance, slavishly submit themselves to be fleeced?

About As Low As It Can Get.

From the Harrisburg Patriot. In sentencing to the full extent of the law a man convicted of keeping a house of prostitution, Judge Von Moschizker, of Philadelphia, one day last week said: "Who can conceive of a being lower than a man who would make his living by keeping such a house?" By the same token, who can conceive of a political organization lower than the one which enters into partnership with such a man, shares with him the wages of woman's shame and in return for fraudulent votes and money, shields him as far as it can from punishment?

Here's Some Good Advice.

From the Milton Record. Don't be a knocker. Don't kick because you can't always have your own way, or because you can't always be the whole thing. Just stop and think a moment and then if you are not a tin cupped egotist it will dawn upon you that there are a few other people in the community besides yourself. You will be happier if you just settle down to the idea that you are only one of many—and possibly a very small potato at that.

No Need to Worry.

From the Concord (N.H.) Patriot. The Tobacco Trust has no need to worry. Until the Beef Trust is made to toe the mark it may rest perfectly easy.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—The Mifflin county fair is a thing of the past. The fair association sold the buildings and the fences at public sale recently.

—Twenty-five car loads of immigrants passed through Altoona last Friday morning en route to the west. They were mostly Germans, Russians and Italians.

—There seems to be good authority for the statement that the Dancausville iron works, which have been idle the past three years, will be put in operation again very soon.

—A corps of engineers are at work making a survey from Cherry tree down the river to Clearfield. It is supposed that the survey is being made in the interest of the Wabash R. R. Co.

—Twelve locomotives a week are being delivered by the Baldwin locomotive works to the Pennsylvania railroad, following the orders given for that road for 525 locomotives several weeks ago.

—With last week's issue Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow discontinued the publication of the Pennsylvania Methodist and in its stead will publish The Church Forum, whose one aim shall be a fight against the liquor traffic.

—In one of the most sweeping decisions ever handed down in that part of the State, Judge Koser, of Somerset county, last Thursday refused the license of fifteen applicants, including some of the best known hotel men in the county.

—The Harbison-Walker Co., whose extensive fire brick plants are scattered throughout this section, as well as other parts of the country, have adopted the system of pensioning all their employes who have been steadily in their employ for a period of twenty years.

—Last Friday Dr. A. B. Brumbaugh, of Huntingdon, investigated the disease epidemic at Mt. Union, claimed by the local physicians to be chicken pox, and pronounced it small pox, and virtually the entire town has been quarantined. There are about fifty cases of the disease in the town.

—While suffering from delirium, the result of illness with which he has been afflicted some time, Prof. Charles L. Miller, a musician of considerable reputation and organist of St. Thomas' church, Ashville, Cambria county, fell over a banister of the church Wednesday morning and was instantly killed.

—Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State superintendent of public instruction, in his annual report urges that the public schools devote a day to the study of the history of our beloved Commonwealth. The day is very fittingly called "Pennsylvania Day." This will be observed in many schools throughout the State.

—Arthur, the little ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Byers, of Harrisburg, formerly of Ramey, was drowned in the Susquehanna river at the former place on Saturday. He and several other boys were playing on the flat boats in the river and in shoving two of the boats apart Arthur lost his balance and fell into the deep water between them.

—The monthly report of the Employes' relief fund for the Pennsylvania railroad company's lines east of Pittsburg and Erie shows that the payments of benefits to its members and the families of deceased members last month amounted to \$130,373, of which \$41,289 were on account of death and \$89,084 on account of disability.

—All canned goods sold in Pennsylvania must have the date of the canning stamped thereon, if a bill introduced by Representative Rose, of Susquehanna, in the Legislature shall become a law. The bill provides that all bottled foodstuffs shall be labeled, and such label shall bear the date of preparation, quality and exact quantity of such goods.

—During the past couple of weeks considerable counterfeit money, principally half dollar coins, have been circulated in Altoona. These bogus coins bear various dates and are said to be the best counterfeits that have been in circulation in years. Besides the half dollars, bogus dollars, quarters and dimes are also said to be in circulation.

—From the Patton Courier we learn that actual work of construction of the trolley line of the northern Cambria Railroad Co. was commenced Wednesday at Carroll and Susquehanna townships. A small force of men are employed, which will be increased in the near future and the work pushed to completion. The contract for the building of the road has been let to the Tennis Bros. Co., of Pittsburg.

—Judge Woods, of the Huntingdon-Bedford Mifflin district, has handed down an opinion in which he decides that the law giving constables remuneration for fighting forest fires is constitutional. The case was decided on an appeal of the Shirley township constable from the refusal of the county commissioners of Huntingdon county to pay his bill. Judge Woods declared that not only constables, but all citizens who assist them are entitled to pay for fighting forest fires.

—Samuel March, a prominent merchant of Altoona was the victim of a clever "flim-flam" game Friday. Two men came to his establishment and wanted to deposit two diamonds for security on a loan, claiming they were stranded there on their way from Philadelphia. He had the diamonds examined by an expert, who pronounced them good. While dicker over the deal the past stones were substituted, and March did not discover that he had been victimized until the men had gone.

—The land upon which the cave at Mapleton stands has been leased for quarrying purposes and steps taken to form a corporation called the Pennsylvania Limestone and Construction company, of Mapleton, with a capital of \$40,000. The incorporators will be I. N. Swepe, W. C. Gayton, Mapleton; J. W. Kaufman, Huntingdon; George M. Holtzman, Dr. A. T. Walter, J. H. Pottelger, J. C. Kirk and George Sadler, Harrisburg. Over 6,000,000 gross tons of stone are now in sight, and surface quarrying has only been done.

—Another large coal plant to rival the one planned by the Indiana, Pittsburg and Eastern railroad company for the southern end of Indiana county will be built at Wallopburg, in South Mahoning township, the center of the big Goodyear coal field. Contracts have been let by the Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad company, which is controlled by the Goodyears, for the construction of seventeen miles of road from Juncus, Indiana county, to Plumville. At Juncus the new line will connect with the Buffalo Rochester and Pittsburg railway.