

Ink Sillings.

This should be a special Thanksgiving day in Pennsylvania. The Legislature has adjourned.

The recent earthquake in India set a new pace for the plague in reducing population.

Soon the pesky little house-fly will be flyin' around again, puttin' spees on every clean thing and annoyin' bald-head men.

The kind of April shower we had Monday afternoon was calculated to scare the life clear out of prospective May flowers.

There is one newspaper man in the State whom Governor PENNYPACKER has successfully muzzled. Ask tom about it.

The Japanese price of peace has dropped to five hundred millions, but as yet the Czar hasn't been able to see it that way.

The longest pole won't get the persimmon tomorrow, but the man with the magio spit for his bait will get the fish, all right enough.

Probably if the Equitable were a little more equitable there would not now be so many equity proceedings among its directors.

If the CZAR were to put each soldier he has in the field to work it would not take long to pay off Japan and make all parties happy.

With H. C. FRICK as Secretary of the Navy there ought to be no more concern over armor plate contracts on the part of the steel trust.

When you put on that new Easter hat and try to impress the world with it be sure that there isn't a hole in the toe of your stocking that needs darning.

President BARE, of the Reading, told his men that "a mine operator's lot is not a happy one," but he didn't offer to exchange his job for one in the mines.

They say "the expected never happens," but Admiral TOGO will have the pleasure of making an exception to the rule when he meets that Russian fleet.

The depths of contempt to which the Pennsylvania Legislature fell are deepened by the unstinted praise the press of the State is giving PENNYPACKER for his vetoes.

The preachers are making more fuss over that \$100,000 gift of ROCKEFELLER'S than LILLIAN RUSSELL does when she loses her diamonds just prior to appearing in a new play.

The darkness during the storm in Bellefonte Monday afternoon foiled the chickens to roost and scared a good many persons whose consciences have not been altogether easy of late.

The Treasury Department has just reported that there are \$2,588,992,983.00 in circulation in the United States. We wish to verify the report by stating that we know where all of it is but \$2,588,992,980.00.

Segregation in Philadelphia might prove a veritable boom to that city if it were to include a colony for the DURHAMs, MCNICHOES, VAREs, et al, where they could be kept under proper surveillance at all times.

According to the report of the Massachusetts board of fish and game commissioners it is only a matter of a short time until the commercial lobster is entirely extinct. The social lobster? Well, that is a different proposition entirely.

Uncle RUSSELL SAGE is said to be preparing for the long journey. He is closing out his business interests but he will find all the gold he wants in Heaven without taking any of his along with him. That is, of course, counting on Uncle RUSSELL'S getting there.

The fellow whose claim to the Sedalia, Mo., post-office is based on the fact of his having seven sons and five daughters, is a bad man to encourage. If kids are to be made a requirement of office getting the country will soon be so thickly populated that there will be no living in it.

It may be true that Miss ANNA BELLE MILLER, the Philadelphia school teacher who sued the president of the board for libel and conspiracy, and was awarded \$14,990 cared more for vindication than she did for the money, but it is scarcely probable that she will decline to make the president pay.

The threat to deprive Mayor TOM JOHNSON, of Cleveland, of the privileges of the floor of council of that city is not likely to make that rather spectacular gentleman behave. TOM has been in the habit of having things his own way so long in Cleveland that he wouldn't be surprised to hear of his getting a new council.

While he is down in Texas President ROOSEVELT might look up that Democrat who split his ticket for the first time in his life last fall and no sooner had the news of the election been heard than his wife presented him with triplets. The fellow was mad at ROOSEVELT ever since and, really, we think TEDDY owes him some sort of an apology.

The trout fishing season opens tomorrow morning and the Republican county primaries will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening and tomorrow night a number of the Republican candidates will be trying to figure out who are the biggest liars, the fellows who caught the largest strings of fish or those who promised to vote for them. And there is no question but that both classes will be much in evidence.

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Roosevelt's Spite Working.

Brigadier General CHAMBERS McKIBBIN has severed his connection with the National Guard of this State. General McKIBBIN is a Pennsylvania soldier in the regular army, on the retired list. When the war of the rebellion broke out he enlisted as a private in the volunteer army in Philadelphia. For gallantry he was promoted rapidly and at the close of the war was a Colonel of volunteers. Subsequently he was transferred to the regular army with the rank of Captain. In that capacity he participated in many of the battles with the Indians and rose to the rank of Brigadier General in which position he participated in the Spanish-American war and became the first American military governor of Santiago. After the close of that war he was retired with the rank of Brigadier General, having reached the retiring age.

During the fifty-seventh Congress an act was passed providing for the appointment of retired army officers in good physical condition to serve in the capacity of advisory inspectors of the National Guard of the several States. The federal government had undertaken to exercise a supervision over the militia organizations of the States with the idea of improving their efficiency so as to qualify them for instant and active service in the United States army in the event of war. In pursuance of this plan it was provided that retired officers detailed for such service should receive from the federal government the full pay of their rank. The plan provided that the Governor and Adjutant General of a State should ask for the detail and the result was most satisfactory. The militia of every State which had availed itself of this service improved amazingly and it is said that under General McKIBBIN'S supervision the National Guard of Pennsylvania had attained the perfection of "crack" regular soldiers.

Everything went well until the Governor of Massachusetts asked that General NELSON A. MILES be detailed to act in that capacity in that State. President ROOSEVELT has an antipathy against General MILES because he protested against feeding the soldiers in Cuba with embalmed beef and thus interfered with a profitable partnership between the Chicago beef trust and the military ring in Washington. During the remainder of General MILES' active service ROOSEVELT gave him all the annoyance that was possible and when Governor DOUGLASS asked to have him detailed to serve in the National Guard of Massachusetts ROOSEVELT interposed and had the law repealed. Among those who suffered by this action is General McKIBBIN, and incidentally the National Guard of this State. The Congressman from this district voted for the repeal.

The Legislature of 1905.

The Legislature of 1905 has gone into history and left behind it a trail of disappointed hopes and defeated expectations. In the history of the State there has been no General Assembly so completely subservient to malign influences. The bosses entirely discarded their masks and presented themselves in the open. While the search for health occupied the attention of DURHAM and legislative duties in Washington required the time of PENROSE, the puppets on the hill in Harrisburg droned away, achieving nothing. At the eleventh hour the bosses came and work was rushed. But it was too late to accomplish their purpose except in so far as defeating reform legislation worked that result. Most of the machine bills enacted will be vetoed it may be believed.

In the beginning of the session there was a hope entertained that some wholesome legislation would be enacted. That is to say, some optimistic people of the Commonwealth expected that a personal registration law would be passed, apportionment bills enacted and some other needed reforms effected. We never shared this hope exactly but did what was possible to encourage it with the idea that the unexpected sometimes happens. But no such beneficent measure ever got beyond the committees. Such bills of that kind as were introduced were stifled in those parliamentary grave yards. The machine which depends upon electoral frauds for its existence couldn't allow them to be enacted and to make their defeat certain it was necessary to smother them.

The only compensation for the disappointments which such failures entail lies in the fact that the machine measures fared little better. Some of the pet measures of the atrocious organization were passed and have been already vetoed. This is notably the case with the bill to create tuberculosis institutions. Others were passed and will be vetoed. Among those we have every reason to hope will be the Philadelphia "ripper." Still others, including the EHRHARDT bills, died in the committee of the Senate to which they were referred and the culminating iniquity of the lot, the PURL bill, was strangled between the legislative halls and the executive mansion. Thus both elements of the interested public has been disappointed.

Senator Cullom's Bad Guess.

Senator CULLOM, of Illinois, chairman of the Senate committee on Foreign relations, who is now in Washington working the departments for patronage, has expressed the opinion that when the Senate assembles in extra session in October the President's usurpation of power in San Domingo will be approved. No doubt he is influenced in this opinion by the similar action in Panama. It will be remembered that after President ROOSEVELT had organized a rebellion on the Isthmus against the rightful authority of the government of Colombia and subsequently by the employment of United States warships and marines frightened Colombia from coercive measures, the Senate solemnly declared that though it was very wrong it was an established fact and should not be interfered with.

The President had meantime established a mushroom Republic on the Isthmus which is yet only a false pretense and obtained the right to build the Panama canal for a consideration of \$10,000,000, so that some Senators were influenced by cupidity and others by the spirit of imperialism. But whatever the influence the crime was committed and condoned. Therefore when the Senate adjourned on March 18th last without having ratified the treaty with San Domingo, the President wasn't worried. He simply made up his mind to act independently of the Senate as he had done in the Panama case. In other words, he proceeded to usurp authority, relying upon the Senate to acquiesce as it did in the other case because the matter was accomplished and there is no redress.

But it is a usurpation of power nevertheless and a violation of the constitution and the President's oath of office. Probably to a man who has been frequently convicted of lying as ROOSEVELT has the violation of an oath is unimportant, especially when the penalty for perjury doesn't run against Presidents as a rule. But the crime is the same and if the Senate condones it as it condoned the Panama outrage, the Senators will simply prove themselves poltroons who are unworthy of the trust reposed in them by the people. We don't believe, however, that the Senators will adopt that course. It would be a stultification which we are unwilling to even imagine. On the contrary, we expect proceedings in impeachment rather than in condonation.

What Will Pennypacker Do?

The Philadelphia machine managers declare with absolute confidence that Governor PENNYPACKER will sign the "ripper" legislation enacted last week. Bets of five to one were offered in the corridors of the hotels and about the lobbies of the city hall to that effect on Saturday evening, according to newspaper reports. Yet on that evening one of the most imposing meetings of respectable business men ever seen in the city was held to protest against the measures. Moreover nearly all the clergy of the city preached against the "rippers" on Sunday and a petition signed by 15,000 prominent citizens has been prepared.

In view of these facts we can't believe that Governor PENNYPACKER will sign those iniquitous measures. He knows or will know before he has acted upon the bills that the purpose of them is to promote crime and protect vice. He does or will understand that they are intended to serve the purpose for which the PURL and EHRHARDT bills were introduced, and it is believed that they were abandoned only because he had given warning that he would veto them. Then how can the machine managers be confident that he will sign the bills? What inside information have they which makes them so certain?

Governor PENNYPACKER is a queer individual and mysterious in his way. During the session of two years ago he had lifted public confidence to the highest level by the courageous and wise exercise of the veto power and then dashed popular faith into the lowest depths of despair by signing the unconstitutional and absolutely idiotic press muzzler. This year he has been making even a better record with his veto pen, for he has killed every vicious measure enacted and in the process asserted the highest standard of political morality. Is he going to disappoint civic hopes this year as he did in 1903?

The Boggs township school board recently made a test case for the enforcement of the compulsory school law. John T. Baylets was arrested for neglecting to send his children to school. The hearing was held before justice of the peace John F. Potter who decided in favor of the school board, imposing a fine and the costs on Baylets.

Every man, woman and child in Centre county, interested in the welfare of suffering humanity and their hospital, should feel themselves individually responsible for the financial success of the coming benefit concert. The program merits a large and appreciative audience and it is yours to make of this opportunity the success it deserves.

New Use for the Marines.

The Marines of the United States are to be put to a new use according to Washington dispatches. That is, the Washington correspondents inform the public that the State Department at Washington has notified the War Department, that insurgents are landing in San Domingo and the War Department has informed the State Department that "the policy of the American government will be to prevent any interference with the Morales government." Judge TAFT is acting Secretary of State and actual Secretary of War so that it may be assumed that there will be no misinterpretation of the communications between them. The pool had simply slips the paper out of one hand into the other.

From the same authority we learn that "the United States is not bound to protect the Morales government by any treaty or agreement of any kind." We should say not. At least it is certain that we are bound by no treaty, for the Senate refused to ratify the treaty made by the administration with the Dominican usurper and no authority was given to make an agreement. But in the absence of treaty or agreement the State Department and the War Department have declared the policy of the United States government "to prevent any interference with the Morales government." The only way to prevent such interference if insurgents are landing in San Domingo is to engage in war.

The Borgia government in San Domingo is a bogus government. President MORALES is a usurper who acquired his title to office by force. He is himself an enemy of the country he assumes to govern and he couldn't retain his place a month if left to his own resources. But in order to support him in his ill-acquired office the State Department in Washington and the War Department have determined that any interference will be prevented by beginning a war in violation of the constitution, for that instrument invests in Congress alone the power to declare war, or send troops of the army or Marine corps for hostile purpose into alien territory. This is a dangerous ground upon which we are treading.

Senator Calpin Honored.

The Democratic Senators in the Legislature could have made no wiser choice for President pro tempore of the body (than PATRICK F. CALPIN, the Senator for the Lackawanna county district. It is the custom, and we believe sanctioned by law to select, at the close of each session, one of the members of the body for this favor. Usually the choice is determined by the record made during the session, the man who most nearly measures up to the highest ideals being selected. In the minority party it is an honor in one sense but a very great distinction. That is to say, it conveys no power and involves no emoluments. But it implies faithful service and integrity and courage.

Senator CALPIN is the youngest Senator on the Democratic side. But he is a gentleman of ripe judgment, inflexible integrity and indomitable courage. During the two sessions he has served in the Senate he has never failed in the fulfillment of his obligations to his party or the public. During the session just closed he has been what might be justly termed the file leader of his party in the chamber. That is, his name is first among the Democrats on the roster and he was therefore obliged to make the pace for his Democratic associates on every roll call. It is just to say that he has never failed in the complete fulfillment of his duty.

Senator CALPIN'S term will expire before the body re-assembles but this unsolicited compliment to him will be an incentive to his constituents to return him for another term. It is no flattery to say that during his first term he has been an influential and capable representative of his constituents. But with the advantage of experience and the greater power which leadership confers, if he is returned he will be able to do much more for his district and the people of the State. But whether he is re-elected or not the compliment of his colleagues was well bestowed and we congratulate both him and them upon such a wise action of the caucus.

The commission appointed by the court to make a recount of the vote for school directors in the western precinct of Ferguson township completed the work on Tuesday and the result showed the election of Ira Harper, Democrat, instead of B. W. Peters, Republican.

Blair county horsemen are discussing the feasibility of constructing a boulevard from Tyrone to Altoona, thence to Hollidaysburg, from there to Williamsburg and then to Tyrone, forming a big loop.

We Could All Whoop 'er Up for Mr. Head.

From the Greensburg Democrat. At the approaching Democratic state convention, a nominee will be chosen for the Westmoreland county seat and the citizens of the great county of Westmoreland would feel honored to see one of her native sons named for that exalted position in the person of John B. Head, Esq. He is an acknowledged leader of the legal profession at the Westmoreland county seat and his high reputation as a man of exceptional ability is known throughout the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His brilliant intellect, forceful speech and strength of character place him in the front rank of men learned in the law, and in every respect he is abundantly qualified for the Superior court bench. Moreover, his personal acquaintance extends to every one of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, and, when the convention assembles, it will be found that the presentation of his name will sweep the hall with enthusiasm and his nomination be made by acclamation. The Democratic leaders throughout the State are strongly in favor of Mr. Head, the newspapers are urging his nomination, and Westmoreland county citizens, without regard to party affiliations, hope that the honor will fall upon his manly shoulders. He fully meets every Jeffersonian requirement as to capabilities and worthiness, and would add dignity and lustre to the Superior court bench.

Both Rough and Tough on the "Monroe Idea."

From the Philadelphia Record. In his talk to the "Rough Riders" at San Antonio, Texas, President Roosevelt remarked: "I have a little difficulty in getting some of my friends to accept my interpretation of the Monroe doctrine," premises his remark with his familiar exposition of what the doctrine implied. He spoke of the "duties which we cannot shirk," and of the manner in which "we must handle ourselves." A "weak Power which behaves itself will have no cause to fear us," conversely, a Power which is weak and cowardly must tremble at our wrath. As to the strong Powers, let them beware if they have a mind to oppress us or wrong us, for we are big and full of fight.

Who would recognize in this rodomontade even the faintest echo of the wise and pacific policy whereby this government attained its commanding moral influence in the councils of nations? The President thinks his version of the Monroe doctrine will ultimately be accepted by all; his over-confidence. His version bears too close a resemblance to the slogan of his cowboy regiment:

Rough!  
Tough!  
We're the staff!  
We want to fight and we can't get enough.  
Whoop-E-E-E!

It's Not Only the Country "Jay."

From the Washington Star. All the "suckers" do not live in the remote and sparsely settled sections of the country. The contrary opinion has here and there been held. Comment on the operations of sharpers has too often represented established establishments in cities dealing in fraud as supported by confiding people living at a long distance from the big road. But here we find companies, advertising money inducements so great as should have attracted the suspicions of even a mildewed "Jay" doing business up in the hundred thousand mark for sections of the country where legitimate business of every kind flourishes and daily newspapers all but grow on trees. So we see that, in some things, the "Jay" and his city brother are much alike. The love of money gotten quickly and with ease is common to both.

Where Ministers Tread Lightly.

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner. One of the Boston ministers who favors the acceptance of Mr. Rockefeller's money, says: "I don't see how Mr. Rockefeller can be considered different from many of the people who visit our churches on Sunday and, perhaps, contribute ill-gotten gain." Such a statement leads one to wonder whether Mr. Rockefeller, if he heeded the church of such a preacher, would hear anything that would lead him to believe that his gains are ill-gotten. Too many of the large churches are made congenial for the large law-breakers by the absence of any reference to the more indirect and more colossal forms of wrongdoing.

Song of the Trust Buster.

From the Columbus Press. I like to see an octopus and pat him on the head. So prettily he will wag his tail when Garfield sees him fed. Some octopuses calmly browse on sticks and stones and brush, while others whine so pitifully for a mass of Garfield mush. Poor octopus! I'll never abuse you more and never give you pain, until you fail to ante up, when I'll swat you once again.

He's From Ohio - We Know the Rest.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Said a New York Republican: "It was very kind of President Roosevelt to give Secretary Taft a chance to act as chief magistrate of the nation for a couple of months. He will get his hand in, in preparation for his own term four years from now." "Do you concede that Taft will be elected President in 1908?" "I concede that Taft comes from Ohio," was the answer.

Raw Material Plenty.

From the Elmira Gazette. Governor Pennypacker is making a record as a veto Governor. With the Pennsylvania Legislature to supply the raw material he should be able to break the record.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

The Jersey Shore silk mill was put in operation Monday morning.

Williamsport police are trying to break up corner loading and social gatherings in the doorways of stores in that city.

A corps of B. & O. railroad surveyors are making their headquarters at Everett, going over the prospective route that was surveyed last winter.

Ninety-seven thousand cars were handled in the N. Y. C. yards at Clearfield during the month of March. This is an increase of 21,000 over the corresponding month of last year.

Curtis L. Brubaker, an Altoona boy now located in Chicago, has secured a position with one of the engineering corps working on the Panama canal. He will leave for Panama about the first of next month.

An offer of \$25 a month, free rent, firewood, twenty bushels of potatoes, a quart of milk daily, and the privilege of keeping chickens, made by a Chester county farmer to a colored laborer last week was refused.

The Duncansville rolling mills which are owned by the Carnegie steel company, and have been idle for the past eighteen months, were put in operation Monday morning for the manufacture of steel hoops and cotton ties.

The new mayor of Altoona has sent forth word that fakirs must give that city a wide berth. The new administration will not stand for palmists, fake doctors or anything of the sort and every one who applies will be notified to leave.

D. F. Decker, one of the most highly esteemed residents of Ramey, was instantly killed by a fall of rock in Eureka mine, No. 16, near Ramey, on Wednesday. He was aged 46 years, and is survived by his wife and five children.

DuBois merchants and clerks are agitated over the 6 o'clock closing movement which provides for early closing at all times except two weeks before Easter and Fourth of July, one month before Christmas, and two nights each pay day week.

Charles Campbell, aged thirteen years, left his home at Bellwood about noon on Sunday and has not been heard of since. A band of gypsies camping at Beech Grove, near Bellwood, left about the same time, and it is feared that the boy might be with them.

Unaware that the train had stopped on a bridge, locomotive fireman Samuel D. Hyberger, aged 26, of the Pittsburgh division, stepped down off the cabin car in the river, many feet below, two miles east of Conemaugh shortly after midnight Thursday. He was rescued by fellow-trainmen but died an hour later.

Division Agent James Foust, of the Dairy and Food department, at Altoona, on Thursday received instructions from Commissioner B. H. Warren to take samples of meats, game fish and shell fish and forward the same to the chemists of the division in his district. Similar instructions have been sent to all the agents in the State.

The Commissioners of Mifflin county have ordered a hospital built on the poor farm on the outskirts of Lewisdown and have made provisions for doctors and nurses, as they fear the smallpox may break out among the three or four hundred of the foreign laborers now employed on the P. R. R. construction work in that vicinity.

A special election will be held in Williamsport on May 9th to vote on the proposition to increase the city's indebtedness by borrowing \$60,000 and issuing bonds therefor for the purpose of building an underground crossing at the P. and E. railroad on Campbell street, building a dike along Lycoming creek and for the construction of general sewers.

A prisoner sewed up in a double strength coffee sack was received by Sheriff George Senator at the Westmoreland county jail recently. The prisoner was John Larvich, a Hungarian, who had entered the boarding house kept by a woman at the Bagley works and slashed her with a butcher knife. Larvich was tied hand and foot and then sewed in the sack.

Mr. Lynn A. Brus, of Blair county, has completed the construction of a narrow gauge railroad 3,300 feet in length, on his Frankstown township lands. There are six cars on the railroad, with a gravity plane as the motive power. This line will be utilized in developing and bringing to market the high grade concrete sand with which his land is enriched.

Mrs. Harriet Hunter, better known among her neighbors as Mammy Hunter, celebrated her one hundred and fifth birthday anniversary at her home on Vine street, in Milton last week. Mrs. Hunter was born at Deals Mills, Adams county, April 3, 1800. Her maiden name was Cowens. She is in good health notwithstanding her remarkable age, and spent the day pleasantly. She lives with her son, Wm. Hunter.

Burglars broke into the room of Rev. J. C. Glenn, New Stanton, last Thursday night, and entering his bedroom, took his trousers from the bedpost. They ransacked the house and secured only a few dollars in money from a purse of the preacher's wife. The trousers were found next morning on the front gate. A note was pinned to them. It read: "We'll never rob a preacher again. They are all poor. Remember us in your prayers."

While making excavations recently on his farm near Galeton for fire clay for brick, E. L. Clark, the well known politician, came onto a peculiar mineral substance, globular shaped, and upon breaking it found a crystallized formation in the center which looks to him like a genuine diamond. He has had it examined by several experts, and he has found no one who can see any difference between it and any other diamond.

Richard Waple, of Mahaffey, a brakeman on the New York Central railroad, who formerly resided in Phillipsburg, was killed by the cars at Curry Run on April 1. He was in the act of tightening the brake with a stick, when the latter broke and threw him to the track, the cars passing over his body and cutting him in two pieces, causing instant death. The deceased was a son of J. W. Waple, residing at Clearfield. He was aged 40 years, and is survived by his wife and four children.