

The Board of Pardons having declined to act GREEN and DILLEN will have to hang on May 9th.

An octopus having been secured for the New York aquarium the names of MORG and ROCKEY have been suggested as appropriate.

Many a hand that clapped loudest when Judge LOVE took the chair in Tuesday's convention poked a ballot against him into the box last fall.

Now Mr. HENRY KLINE will proceed to tell you what a nice man he will be if elected sheriff. He won't expect you, however, to dig up his past history.

The Philadelphia girl who got \$100 each for two kisses hasn't informed the world how many of them she gave away before she knew they could be sold.

Will wonders never cease! Here we have a report of an egg nine inches long, seven inches thick and six inches wide and the owner isn't certain whether a pea-cock or a guinea-pig laid it.

We might be "our brother's keepers in politics" as Judge LOVE declared on Tuesday, but if it is true his ex-honor was addressing a lot of fellows who clean forgot their jobs last fall.

It was too bad that the North American didn't reply to Tom Harter's letter. Possibly our Philadelphia contemporary didn't have type small enough to properly express its feelings in the matter.

As the last spark of JOE JEFFERSON'S eventful life flickers out those who know of the interesting old actor will feel that no toast need be drunk that his memory "may live long and prosper."

Mr. MILLER and Mr. BAILEY will both have opportunity now of explaining to the liveries of the county why they hired their own horses to do the county work; when they owed that little bit of patronage to the fellows who helped put them in office.

According to present understanding of the situation Republican politics in Centre county will be managed about as follows: Orders and schemes will be conceived by Tom Harter, endorsed by COLONEL chambers, approved by Judge LOVE and promulgated by HENRY CUTE QUIGLEY.

It was Mr. QUIGLEY'S superior knowledge that knocked ALLISON out of the Republican nomination for Treasurer. What right had he to "butt in" there, any how, unless he was espousing SWARTZ'S candidacy; which, to say the least, was a very indiscreet thing for a county chairman to do?

If \$600 per is all Philadelphia Legislators are worth why doesn't the Committee of Seventy of that city buy some of them to stay away from Harrisburg entirely. It could be done for less money than those Academy of Music meetings cost and there would be results—which is more to be desired than anything else.

The Hon. Fill-up WOMELSDORF has gone on record as refusing to bury the QUAY-HASTINGS hotbed. His fight for HALL on Tuesday proclaims to the world in general and HARRY HEWITT and his friends in particular, that he does not propose to permit any HASTINGS man to have recognition so long as he can prevent it.

No, dear reader, Mr. SAMMY BUDINGER really didn't mean to scowldge ALLISON and UNDERWOOD clean out of the running on Tuesday when he moved to close the nominations immediately after SWARTZ'S name was presented. SAMMY is a little new in political conventions and that break should be overlooked as a first offense.

When Judge LOVE concluded his opening address to the Republican county convention on Tuesday by declaring that "we never gain anything by changing the politics of the nation, State, or community" DAVE CHAMBERS was observed to nod his head in silent, Amen! Every body knows that DAVE didn't gain anything by the change last fall.

If our Republican friends are going to make second choice instructions binding they should arrange their primaries so that second choice candidates can be voted for at that time. Under existing conditions SWARTZ scoured the North ward of Bellefonte and, thereby, his nomination, because he had ten of the seventy-two votes polled.

Not satisfied with having knocked him out of the post-mastership at Howard the Republican bosses of Centre county have followed up the persecution of H. C. HORTER, a Republican and a gallant old soldier, until he's almost forced to ask himself the question: Why am I a Republican? The latest outrage was the subterfuge they used to keep him out of the running for County Commissioner. There is a way to get even with such people and Mr. HORTER would only be human were he to resort to it.

Talking about the way ALLISON was culched out of the nomination for Treasurer two Republicans got very much excited the other day. One of them said "It will raise an awful stink in our party and I propose to have a hand in keeping it up until election day next fall." The other looked at him a moment before replying with this little story. "There were two pole-cats sitting on a fence one day when an automobile whizzed by. The one one looked at the other and said: 'What's the use?'"

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Parker and Bryan.

The late THOMAS JEFFERSON may be taken for anything you want, according to the JEFFERSON day orators. Singularly enough any one of a score of christians diametrically opposed to each other will insist with all the zeal and energy they can command that the religious dogmas which they profess are the only genuine doctrines professed by the Saviour. It is no exaggeration to say that they are all right so far as they go and that one is as nearly correct as another if he is sincere. It is small wonder, therefore, that different men may entertain different notions concerning the opinions of JEFFERSON in the event that he was present in the flesh at this time.

On the last JEFFERSON day celebrations were held in New York and Chicago and distinguished orators spoke at each. At the New York event the principal orator was Judge ALTON B. PARKER who was the Democratic and presumably the JEFFERSONIAN candidate for President at the last election. In Chicago the principal orator of the occasion was WM. JENNINGS BRYAN, who had twice previously occupied the same relations to the same organization. But their speeches were not alike in any respect. As a matter of fact they were as widely separated in tone and temper as if one had been delivered by THEODORE ROOSEVELT and the other by CARL SCHURZ, both Republicans.

The lesson of this incident is that the Democrats of the country must get together and that the basis of union must not be on what he would declare at present, the changed conditions and respect for consistency being duly considered. In other words, while a strict constructionist and an apostle of individuality, the father of Democracy was neither a clam nor an eel. In other words, he would have been opposed to the trusts as exponents of socialism and against the radical treatment of them as the expression of Populism. Both Judge PARKER, in New York, and Mr. BRYAN, in Chicago, went to excess in estimating JEFFERSON'S present opinions.

Veto Axe Will Swing.

Governor PENNYPACKER has a labor to perform between the present time and the expiration of the thirty day's limit in which he has to consider the legislation left for his scrutiny. There are something like 500 bills, or rather there were that number a week ago. Since then the Governor has vetoed a considerable number, signed a few and probably laid some aside for further consideration. But there are enough left to occupy all his time if he goes through those remaining as carefully as he has gone through those already considered this year and two years ago. And the Governor may be depended on to exercise great care.

What a fortunate thing it is that Governor PENNYPACKER considers legislation submitted to him conscientiously. We wouldn't say that there are no good bills among those in his possession. On the contrary, we are convinced that the majority of them are meritorious. Most of them are appropriation bills and though the system of dispensing the charity of the State is iniquitous, the majority of the charity appropriations ought to be approved. There are some institutions favored which were not approved by the Board of Public Charities and all such bills ought to be vetoed. But the majority of the charity bills are worthy and should be approved.

The Philadelphia "ripper" bills ought to be condemned with all the mental energy the Governor can command, however, and that is saying a good deal. For example, the best citizens of Philadelphia, without respect to party differences, allege that the purpose of those measures is to convert the police department into an agency for promoting and protecting crime. If that be true it is the duty of the Governor to veto them, and not a word has been offered to show that it is not true. For these reasons we believe that Governor PENNYPACKER will veto those bills, notwithstanding the presence of the machine on the other side.

Andrews for Chairman.

Information has been sent out from Philadelphia to the effect that Senator PENROSE will decline a re-election to the office of chairman of the Republican State committee next week and that his private secretary, Mr. WESLEY R. ANDREWS, will be chosen as his successor. It may be assumed that this announcement made as early as last Tuesday is tentative. That is to say, it has been promulgated as a feeler. It will be remembered that two years ago when PENROSE was first elected to the chairmanship the first preference of the machine was Mr. ANDREWS. He is known as the "gun-shoe" politician and QUAY had great faith in him. But the suggestion of his name raised such a storm of indignation that it was instantly withdrawn and PENROSE was elected.

We are violating no state secret in stating that the election of Mr. ANDREWS to the chairmanship is preliminary to his elevation to the Governorship. Two years ago no secret was made of that fact but when objection to the lesser honor was made with such vehemence it was deemed advisable to say little about the ultimate purpose. But it can safely be said that it was never abandoned. QUAY reasoned that there was plenty of time to remove the objection to ANDREWS in season for the gubernatorial nomination if the matter was skillfully managed. In pursuance of this notice ANDREWS was made ostensible secretary but really chairman of the committee and he has so insinuated himself into the confidence of the organization that when he was proposed for chairman the other day not a single objection was uttered.

The machine understands quite as well as any one else that their iniquity will not be tolerated much longer and they are planning for a season of loot in the end which, while it may make most of them fugitives from justice, will guarantee the generous indulgence in their expensive vices as long as they live. Governor PENNYPACKER has been a great disappointment to them. They have been unable to either coerce or entice him into acquiescence in their infamous enterprises for robbery and plunder. But they know that they can depend on ANDREWS to not only share in the plunder but to aid in the schemes. It will not be necessary to coax him. It is more likely that a brake will be required to restrain him from excesses.

One Man Power in Earnest.

On one or two important measures what was called, derivatively or otherwise, "the country contingent," asserted itself effectively during the recent session of the Legislature. That is to say, the Judges' retirement bill was completely knocked out, the absurd OLIVER libel bill was defeated and one or two other measures, including that cherished graft producer, the tuberculosis bill, met the same fate. But we can call to mind at this moment only one measure which was forced on the machine by a single individual. That was a bill providing for the compensation of district attorneys by salary rather than fees.

The fight on that bill was peculiarly bitter and snaking. It passed the Senate promptly and with practical unanimity, just as the capitol park extension bill introduced by the same Senator passed that body. But the moment it reached the House of Representatives the machine anathema was pronounced on it and the purpose to smother it in the House committee was defeated only by the greatest vigilance. It was defeated, however, and after the leaders in the committee thought sufficient opposition to defeat it on the floor had been developed, it was reported out. Under the agreement it was defeated on final passage but it was reconsidered under boss orders and passed. It has now been signed by the Governor.

We say this bill was forced to passage by a single individual and that is literally true. That is to say, after it had been defeated on final passage the author, Senator FOX, of Dauphin county, waited on the machine managers and told them the bill must pass. "The local machine is against it," was the reply, "and the two leading Representatives in the Legislature for Dauphin county are quietly opposing it." "Very well," said Senator FOX, "but you gentlemen remember that Philadelphia had to raise \$70,000 to elect a Republican judge in Dauphin county in 1903." Well, "he continued," if this bill is defeated it will cost twice that money, which you fellows must provide, to elect Republicans to the Legislature next time. Singularly enough the argument proved potent, the vote was reconsidered and the bill passed.

A Statement.

Last week the Gazette published several accusations relative to the motives actuating the court in granting license in this county and in justice to the gentlemen concerned we publish the following affidavits, which are self explanatory:

State of Pennsylvania, ss. Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, H. S. Taylor, of Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa., who being duly sworn, according to law doth depose and say: That Judge Ellis L. Orvis did not either directly or indirectly, authorize me to tell David Chambers, of Clarence, Pa., that he had to sell out to John Boyce; and further, I did not tell David Chambers that "he had to sell out to John Boyce or not at all." And further, Mr. Karl never wired me in March, 1905, to meet him in Bellefonte and no such meeting ever took place in the Centre county jail as charged in last week's Gazette.

H. S. TAYLOR, Notary Public.

Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, John Boyce, of Clarence, Pa., who being duly sworn, says: The building, lot, supplies, delivery outfit and general equipment owned formerly by David Chambers, at Clarence, and used by him until recently for conducting the wholesale beer business at that place, was purchased solely by myself, and the price of same was paid him directly by me. Further, I am the sole owner of the above mentioned property, as well as the wholesale license recently issued to me; I alone control and conduct the business; I am under no obligation to any individual, firm, company or corporation in its management, and therefore am free to purchase my supplies wherever I please and will do so, notwithstanding the intimations of others.

JOHN BOYCE, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April, 1905. ALFRED THOMPSON, Justice of the Peace.

Our Sympathy and Danger.

Awaiting the crucial encounter between the warships of Russia and Japan the sympathies of all the American people naturally and logically go out freely toward the Asiatics. This would have not been true probably in any other period in our national history. Until within a few years Russia was regarded as our traditional friend. In every crisis through which we have passed she has been our kindly neighbor and helper while until within a few years Japan has been looked upon as a pagan power morally and physically irresponsible. The change in sentiment is the consequence of altered conditions. Japan has become the Yankee force of the East and our methods are hers.

But while we sympathize with Japan and hope for her triumph, in her victory lies our great danger. In other words, Japan has become a nation of fighters and a people who love conflict and conquest. When she has emerged triumphantly from her contest with Russia her first thought is likely to be of "other worlds to conquer." Having thus proved her prowess what is more reasonable than that she will desire to exercise it in other directions and where the wide world is there so enticing a field of operations as the Philippine islands. Probably they may be acquired by purchase and if we are wise an offer to buy will not be rejected. But if purchase is not available conquest is the remedy.

If Japan had marched against St. Petersburg or Moscow, Russia would have repelled the invasion with the ease that an elephant brushes a fly from its person. But attacking in Manchuria 6,000 miles from Russia's base of supplies the little "bantam" of Asia has been able to worry the giant of the North as every turn. In a similar conflict with the United States, the attack being in the Philippines, she would have precisely the same advantage. It was our attack on Manila that forced and the speedy and practically bloodless victory over Spain. In the recent war and it is the possession of the Philippines which will for all time make us a victim in the event of war.

At the meeting of the Democratic State committee, in Harrisburg on Wednesday, J. K. P. HALL was re-elected chairman without opposition. Wednesday, May 24th, was named as the day for holding the State convention in Harrisburg. J. J. DRISCOLL, of Elk county, was selected to succeed Col. J. L. SPANGLER as the member of the executive committee from the Fifth District.

The Governor Will Veto.

Representative citizens of Philadelphia addressed the Governor on Wednesday in protest against the "ripper" bills passed during the recent session of the Legislature. In their arguments they showed that the purpose of the legislation was most iniquitous and that in the event of executive approval the effect will fulfill their worst expectations. The police force of Philadelphia will become the instrument of criminals in the promotion of vice and instead of encouraging crime by law, as was contemplated through the vice bills which failed, it will be promoted by force through the operation of the "rippers."

During the hearing and since the Governor has refrained from giving any intimation of his purpose with respect to disposing of the bills. Yet the machine managers are confident that he will support them. They offered no substantial reason for such legislation and still they revealed abiding faith that the Governor will approve. They know that he is a man of pure life who abhors crime and vice and yet they appear to be confident that he will legalize the most atrocious forms of iniquity. In fact, they have practically declared that the question is settled and that in due time the vicious legislation will become effective.

We don't believe, however, that their confidence is justified by the facts. In other words, we can't think that Governor PENNYPACKER, an educated and honorable man, will pervert his power to the extent of approving such infamous legislation as that embodied in the bills in question. No man of family, unless he be a moral degenerate, will help miscreants to recruit the force of shameless women from the ranks of innocent country girls and newly arrived female immigrants, and that is plainly the purpose of the bills that he is asked to veto by all the decent people of the city and urged to approve by the machine.

Governor Pennypacker has signed the bill making the office of the district attorney a salaried one. Under the revisions of the act the Centre county district attorney will receive \$1,000 per year.

Now that the Republican county convention is over what will be the next circus in town?

Very few fishermen had the temerity to try their luck during the cold weather this week.

How We Are Poisoned By The Greed of Manufacturers.

From Collier's Weekly. The poison campaign will be a long one, but there is no danger of its being dull. Indeed, the people are likely to become more interested in what they eat the more they learn how strangely and wonderfully food is made. Mr. Paul Pierce, who was superintendent of the food exhibit at St. Louis exposition, has begun in "Public Opinion," a series of informative articles which we commend to our readers. In 1903 the American manufacturer secured the passage of a law against the importation of adulterated food, as it interfered with an infant industry. This home industry now flourishes like the green bay tree. Pests of fruit, corn, worm-eaten spots, and worms are removed, and made into "pure apple jelly," or currant jelly, plum jam, apple butter, or whatever is desired. Worm-out mules and horses do a final service in restaurants and on lunch counters so roast beef, corned beef, and beef stew. Dr. Leon E. Waters, an expert in food chemistry, is authority for the statement that hogs' livers are mixed with chicory before the result appears as coffee. Mr. Pierce makes the point that comparatively few deaths result immediately from adulteration, as the manufacturers try to keep the poison too little in amount to appear in post-mortems. They create nervous diseases and general debility, and the preparation of the system to receive any disease that may be lurking about, do more in the long run than is accomplished directly. Nevertheless, Dr. J. N. Hurty, Secretary of the Indiana State Board of Health, estimates that sixty-five per cent of infant deaths in America are due directly to bad or poisoned food. In recent experiments one teaspoon of a well-known brand of butter-color given to a kitten caused its instant death, and a somewhat large dose sent a full-grown healthy tom to Heaven.

Needed Where He is.

From the Johnstown Democrat. There will be some objection to the nomination of Judge L. W. Doty, of Westmoreland, for the superior court vacancy on the ground that his election would in all probability result in the selection of a Republican to fill his place. Westmoreland is apparently a safe Republican county at present and it is wholly improbable that another Democrat could be chosen to succeed Judge Doty were he to resign. For this reason there will be hesitancy among Democrats to listen to Westmoreland's plea in behalf of Judge Doty. They will feel that he is needed where he is and they will perhaps insist that he is in duty bound to continue in the position to which the Democrats of Westmoreland elected him, after a bitter struggle and by a narrow margin. It has not been observed that either the Westmoreland Democracy or Judge Doty himself has taken this phase of the matter into consideration. Yet surely it is important. There is at least as much reason for having Democrats on the common pleas as on the superior bench.

As an Englishman Sees it.

From the Danville Intelligencer. H. Rider Haggard, the famous novelist and British envoy to America to investigate the colonies conducted by the Salvation Army, unobserved himself at Amity, Colo., regarding conditions in the United States. Mr. Haggard is greatly impressed with America, the vastness of the country and its resources, and believes Americans are far ahead of Europeans in enterprise. Mr. Haggard believes the great trusts of America are our greatest abiding evil and predicts all manner of trouble should the people not take some drastic measures to suppress them. "I see nothing but revolution and ruin in the country if you do not curb your gigantic trusts," said Mr. Haggard. "Prices have been elevated to the prohibitive for all but the very rich and this will cause trouble unless a remedy is quickly and thoroughly applied. I believe the colonization of city people in large tracts of land will solve the problem of high prices. The poor people who live in your big cities and in Colorado get what we consider in England a good wage, but the cost of living is so high here that they have no conveniences, comforts or money. The poorer classes of people in England do not have as much money as in this country, but they live better."

Yes, It Would be an Inexcusable Blunder.

From the Williamsport Sun. If, as alleged, the Democratic State convention will nominate three candidates for superior court judge, the result would be to give our Republican friends an opportunity to elect a Democrat who would be friendly to them, just as a number of Democratic magistrates of doubtful party loyalty were elected in Philadelphia last February. It is hoped that the Democratic convention will not commit a blunder of this kind, and that it will nominate but one candidate for judge.

Pensioning Men Who Wanted to Fight.

From the Machester (N. H.) Union. Pension Commissioner Warner has found that the "old age" pension order of President Roosevelt was not liberal enough, and suits the Board of Review, and they have extended it in many cases to men who never even enlisted, but make affidavit that they "wanted to."

The Right Way.

From the Connellsville Courier. The bill to pension school teachers has been defeated. The best way to pension school teachers is to pay them decent salaries while they are able to earn them, thus enabling them to accumulate their own pension funds.

Parly a Surprise Party.

From the Baltimore Sun. Wonder if the Filipinos know they have invited a large party of Congressmen to cross the ocean and spend the summer as their guests?

Spawls from the Keystone.

The Sugar Valley Journal celebrated its eighteenth birthday last week. The editor remarks that its existence has been both "eventful and turbulent."

The Susquehanna planing mills at Williamsport, operated by George B. Breen, were totally destroyed by fire Tuesday night of last week. Loss \$50,000, partially insured.

Judge Smith, on Wednesday appointed Frank Boyd, mine boss at Kyler mine, Mansion, on the board of mine examiners of the eighth district, to succeed the late Eli Townsend, of Philadelphia.

Thomas Fredericks, an electrician of Tamnaga, has been held under \$1,000 bail on a charge of trifling with the affections of Miss Valeria Houser, of the same town. She places her "hurtled" feelings at \$10,000.

Major General Charles Miller, of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, has decided to hold the brigade encampments this year as follows: The First Brigade at Perkasie; the Second at Erie and the third at Mt. Gretna.

The Pennsylvania State Bankers' association will hold its eleventh annual convention at Wilkesbarre on June 15th and 16th next, and the local bankers are preparing for the accommodation of their guests on an elaborate scale.

Within one year Mrs. Jeremiah Hass, of Pottsville, has given birth to two sets of twins, the first pair being born January 25, 1904, and the last on January 14, 1905, and all of them boys. President Roosevelt has sent his congratulations.

William Wolfgang, a yardmaster for the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad at Tyrone, has been appointed assistant freight trainmaster of the middle division. W. H. Herr, of Altoona, succeeds to the place of yardmaster at Tyrone.

The directors of the Newton Hamilton Campmeeting association met on the grounds the other day and decided to open the camp this year on August 3rd and close August 14th. The meeting will be in charge of Rev. A. L. Miller, of Altoona.

The Altoona Brick and Tile Company, limited, has been awarded the contract for furnishing a million brick to the borough of Lewisport for sewer purposes. The matter has been pending for more than a year and many State concerns were bidders.

An illustration of the interest being shown in Sunbury for the celebration of Odd Fellows' day on April 26 is found in a decision of the teachers to give a certain percentage of their salaries to cover the expense of decorating the High school building for the event.

The Pennsylvania railroad has started work preparing for its summer landscape decoration. Each road has a large number of men planting vines, sowing grass seed and making flower beds at various points on the lines. It is to be hoped Bellefonte will be favored this year.

Captain Jerome Seider, of Company I, Fourth regiment, N. G. P., one of the best known and most popular officers in the Third Brigade, was found dead in his room in the company armory at Reading, Monday night. He had been accidentally asphyxiated by illuminating gas.

A large barn owned by William Bernheisel, near Blaine, Perry county, was destroyed by fire recently. Two horses and forty head of cattle, 3000 bushels of corn, and large quantities of coarse feed were consumed. A chopping and shredding mill was also destroyed. The loss was about \$10,000.

Pretty little Flora Krickbaum, of Benton, the unfortunate victim of rope jumping will very likely recover. She was operated upon for appendicitis, caused by the exertion of skipping the rope so many times. She rallied from the operation nicely and the physician believes that she will now recover.

Having a premonition of death Charlotte, the 16 year old daughter of Joseph Smith, of Anrville, Lebanon county, two weeks ago confided to one of her friends a wish that she and three other associates should act as pall-bearers at her funeral. A week ago Miss Smith became ill, and she died on Saturday night of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

The workmen of the stone quarries of Johnsonburg, Ridgeway, Croystand, Curwensville, Blooms Run and Falls Creek, to the number of about 1,000 were on a strike last week. They demanded an increase of pay. The Falls Creek quarrymen in the employ of G. A. Gocella, have no grievance, but came out in sympathy with those of other quarries. Wages in the quarries are from \$2 to \$3.50.

A coal company, with a capital of \$500,000 was organized Thursday in Johnstown, to invade the famous Pochontas coal regions of West Virginia where mines will be operated on an extensive scale. Among the capitalists interested are: Frank W. Ott, John H. Waters, ex-Sheriff Elmer E. Davis, Robert E. Cresswell and W. I. Steineman, the latter being the head of the Stineman Coal and Coke company of South Fork, and H. C. Hull, of Altoona.

Rev. Dr. J. Wesley Hill, pastor of Grace Methodist church, at Harrisburg, and who gained such widespread notoriety by his controversies with Dr. S. C. Swallow when the Methodist conference was held in Bellefonte a few years ago, has received word from the New York East conference that he has been transferred to that conference as pastor of the James street church of Brooklyn, N. Y. He will be succeeded at Harrisburg by Rev. Dr. Isaac L. Wood, of Middletown, Connecticut.

A Slavic woman about 23 years of age, and supposed to be Mary Pitz of the foreign colony south of Altoona, shortly after 5 o'clock Sunday evening entered the railroad yard at Altoona a short distance above Seventeenth street bridge and, after walking up and down the track a few minutes passed over several empty tracks to one that a freight train was passing on. She got down on her knees by the train and deliberately stuck her head between two cars. Her head was taken off as though by a cleaver and it fell between the rails, where it lay until the train had passed, with the hat still securely pinned to the hair.